

Strathbogie Shire Council

**Council Meeting
Minutes / Decisions**

Tuesday 18 June 2024

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Meeting held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre and livestreamed on Council's website:

<https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/council/our-council/council-meetings-and-minutes/>

Administrator:

Peter Stephenson

Officers:

Julie Salomon – Chief Executive Officer

Amanda Tingay – Director People and Governance

John Harvey – Director Sustainable Infrastructure

Rosemary Scott – Executive Manager Communications, Engagement and Advocacy

Meeting Procedure

1. Welcome

2. Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the places we live, work and play. We recognise and respect the enduring relationship they have with their lands and waters, and we pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. Today we are meeting on the lands of the Taungurung peoples of the Eastern Kulin nation, whose sovereignty here has never been ceded.

3. Privacy Notice

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4. Governance Principles

Council considers that the recommendations contained in these Minutes/Decisions gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the Local Government Act 2020. These principles are as follows:

- 1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;*
- 2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;*
- 3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;*
- 4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;*
- 5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;*
- 6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;*
- 7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;*
- 8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;*
- 9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.*

5. Apologies / Leave of Absence

Rachael Frampton – Director Community and Planning
Braydon Aitken – Acting Director Community and Planning

6. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes/Decisions of Previous Meetings

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That the Minutes/Decisions of the ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 2024, and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 June 2024, be confirmed (Council Meetings and Minutes | Strathbogie Shire)

100-23/24 **CARRIED**

8. Petitions

Nil

9. Report of Administrator

At the Extraordinary Meeting last week, I read out a statement in acknowledgement of the passing of Alistair Thomson, a former Councillor with Strathbogie Shire Council from 2016 to 2020 and a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

A celebration of Alistair's life was held in Melbourne last week with CEO, Julie Salomon representing Strathbogie Shire Council.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to Council to express their condolences. His impact was far reaching and we are deeply saddened by his passing.

On behalf of the Strathbogie community, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Alistair's family and friends.

Personally, working alongside Alistair on the Audit and Risk Committee was a privilege.

His contributions, expertise, kindness and unwavering commitment to good governance were valued and respected. He will be greatly missed.

Vale, Alistair Thomson – Rest in Peace.

Audit and Risk Committee vacancy

Alistair's passing means we now have a vacancy for an independent community member on the Audit and Risk Committee. We anticipate the role will be advertised shortly.

On to much more positive news now...

Maggolee Reconciliation Award

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Strathbogie Shire Council as one of 10 Councils to receive a Maggolee Award from Reconciliation Victoria during Reconciliation Week.

The award acknowledges the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Taungurung Land and Waters Council and Strathbogie Shire Council.

Congratulations to everyone involved. This really is a significant achievement and it means a lot to receive this recognition.

Reopening of Nagambie Locksley Road

I'm pleased to advise that the Nagambie Locksley Road was sealed today and will re-open to traffic tomorrow morning, Wednesday 19 June 2023.

Greening Euroa Cup

At last month's Council meeting I provided an update to the community on the Greening Euroa project.

9. Report of Administrator (cont.)

Since then, the second Greening Euroa Standpipe Cup was held.

While I wasn't able to attend in person, Council staff were on hand to present the Cup with Mansfield claiming victory in the football and Euroa taking out the netball trophy.

Goulburn Valley Water partnered with Strathbogie Shire and the Goulburn Valley League to deliver the Cup initiative.

This was a great way to raise awareness of the initiative to use reclaimed water to keep our sports fields green.

Well done to everyone involved and congratulations to the winners.

Power supply advocacy

Today, along with the CEO, I meet with Federal Member for Nicolls, Sam Birrell MP to discuss power supply challenges in our area. I would like to extend my thanks to Sam for his interest in this important issue. For those of you interested in our advocacy for Kirwan's Bridge, you will be pleased to know that we also discussed how to harness the necessary funding to fund the works required to get the bridge open and we will keep that dialogue open.

I am very pleased to see SP AusNet hosting a number of forums this week about power supply and upgrades along the Benalla/Euroa line.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Helen Haines, Independent Federal Member for Indi, for her work raising this with SP AusNet as well.

This is a great example of community, Council and Parliamentary representatives working in partnership with a united voice to get results.

Elections

With elections coming up in October, and with that in mind, last week, Strathbogie hosted a Municipal Association of Victoria Stand for Council regional session in this chamber.

I was honoured to join the panel discussion and share my thoughts and perspectives on the sorts of things potential candidates should consider before standing.

Being a Councillor can be really exciting, with lots of opportunities to make a positive impact on the community.

The role also comes with great responsibility and significant legislative requirements. It is important that potential candidates understand what's involved before they sign up.

Anyone interested in standing can find out more on council's website at www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/elections

Acknowledge CEO

Finally, this will be our last ordinary Council Meeting before CEO, Julie Salomon, finishes up with Council. Julie will still have one last meeting next week, so I'll save my final farewells for then, but I do want to acknowledge the significant contribution she has made to the organisation and the community.

Julie, your leadership, guidance and professionalism have been pivotal in steering the organisation and the community since you joined Strathbogie in January 2020. You have had your fair share of challenges in that time – a global pandemic, major floods and storms; not to mention the many infrastructure and other challenges of a large rural Council with a small rate base.

You also navigated the difficulties of behaviour amongst the former Councillor group, the appointment of Municipal Monitors, the suspension of the Councillors and the appointment of an Administrator.

9. Report of Administrator (cont.)

Your focus on good governance and on providing stability and leadership throughout these challenges is a testament to your professionalism and to your enduring spirit of collaboration.

You have been a great advocate for the community and have always put the interests of the community first with a strong focus on transparency and community engagement.

Thank you, Julie, and all the very best for your future endeavours – wherever they take you.

10. **Public Question Time**

Council Ref: CA: 21/2024

I would like to know why three letters I have written to the Council - 25th October 2023, 12th December 2023 and 5th May 2024 re Council rates have not been replied to?

Response

Thank you for your question, Chrystene. I would like to sincerely apologise for your not receiving responses in a responsible time. I have referred the matter to Council's Director People and Governance who will ensure that a response is provided to you this week.

Council Ref: LL: 22/2024

As Section 74A of the Victorian Constitution is unlawful, and so too is the Local Gov Act 1989 due to them being repugnant to the Commonwealth Constitution Act 1901 and the Crown being removed on the 1st January, 2004. Where do you get your authority from to impose laws and charge fees and taxes?

When checking your ABN (50882781013) status it clearly states that you are a Department of State of the Commonwealth or Parliament established under the Parliamentary Service Act 1999. Who gives you the authority to charge taxes clearly repugnant to the Commonwealth Constitution Act 1901?

Response

Thank you for your question, Lynette.

Whilst I appreciate and acknowledge your position that the State Government is not formally constituted or is unlawful, I respectfully do not agree.

Council is a legally recognised tier of Government both at the State and Federal level. Local government is legally valid, having been constituted by an Act of the Victorian Parliament.

There is no obstacle in the Commonwealth Constitution to prevent State Parliaments from legislating to create, empower and regulate local government. All States have done so. The Victorian Constitution includes explicit recognition of local government. Section 74 B gives Parliament the right to make laws for and in relation to local government.

Through the Local Government Act 1989, Part 8, the Victorian Parliament has conferred upon local government the power to levy and collect property tax in the form of rates.

Furthermore, the Local Government Act 2020 provides that Councils are constituted by Councillors democratically elected by their community for the purpose of providing 'good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community'. In the case currently at Strathbogie, I have been appointment by the Minister for Local Government to act and perform all functions of the Councillors until the next Council elections to be held on 26 October 2024.

10. Public Question Time (cont.)

Council rates, as you indicate in your questions, are essentially taxes. Property values are used as the basis for calculating how much each property owner pays in rates. Rates are one of the main ways that councils get the required funding needed to deliver over 100 essential services and infrastructure to the community. To put this in context, Council collects 3.6 cents in every \$1.00 of taxes collected by all levels of government.

If we didn't collect rates (or taxes as you refer to them) or charge for services like planning fees, animal registration, or parking fines, who would:

- Collect your waste and provide transfer stations,*
- Maintain and construct our local roads and bridges network,*
- Provide services like maternal and child health, kindergartens, and services for youth and our seniors,*
- Provide public libraries,*
- Provide and maintain public sporting and recreation facilities such as swimming pools, ovals, parks, gardens, playground, and public halls,*
- Undertake town planning and related services,*
- Provide local laws and animal control services,*
- Clear fallen trees from the road side following a storm event; or*
- Support economic development activity, tourism, community arts projects and festivals.*

Rates (or taxes) are an important part of Council's ability to fund and deliver essential community infrastructure and services. Whilst Local Councils are not mentioned in the Australian Constitution, each state has a local government Act – law – that provides the rules for the creation and operation of Councils. As such, Council can perform any function and exercise any power conferred on them by the Act which creates them.

I have copies of a Fact Sheet prepared by Local Government Victoria on the Legitimacy of Councils and Rating Powers for those who may be interested.

Alternatively, the Fact Sheet is on their website at: [Legitimacy-of-Councils-and-Rating-Powers.pdf](#) (localgovernment.vic.gov.au).

Council Ref: TM: 23/2024

Statement: *Thankyou Julie for acknowledging my questions over the years of your appointment of CEO of The Strathbogie Shire Council. Best wishes in your future endeavours and enjoy a relaxing break.*

What parking areas are provided at the Euroa Saleyards to accommodate the Public car parking to attend the Sales?

Response

Thank you for your question Tom.

The Euroa Sale yards has crushed rock hardstand areas to the east, south east and northeast of the yards, which provides informal carparking for saleyard visitors and stock deliveries/collections.

The grassed area to the north/northwest of the yards is the area the proposed truck wash will be built, so this facility should not restrict parking at the sales .

There is also a grassed area south of the yards near the office that can be used for parking, however this area is less often used due to its nature.

For most sales, these areas are sufficient for those to attend the cattle sales.

However, Council is aware that at the recent special event horse sale held this weekend passed there was estimated over 100 people in attendance, with many vehicles towing horse trailers.

10. Public Question Time (cont.)

It was observed that many of these sale attendees parked on the roadsides of the surrounding roads and streets around the sale yard site as well as on the site itself. It is unusual that a crowd of such magnitude attends sales at this venue.

I have asked the Director Sustainable Infrastructure to discuss the management of the carparking for these events with the Saleyards Committee to ensure carparking is better managed for the special events in the future.

Council Ref: MM: 24/2024

Statement: Thankyou Julie for your acknowledgement of my questions to the Council in your role as CEO, especially making an apology from the Shire when an incident happened after a planning meeting when this was under the previous CEO. You took the time to listen to myself in the council meeting and showed me respect and empathy of what I had to deal with. I wish you all the very best and enjoy a lovely relaxing holiday.

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11. OFFICER REPORTS

11.1 STRATEGIC AND STATUTORY PLANNING

11.1.1 Planning Application P2023-121: Use and Development of Land for Domestic Animal Husbandry and Caretakers House (Dwelling) at 222 Faithfull Road, Longwood East

Author: Manager Planning and Investment

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This planning application is being presented to Council for determination due to an objection being lodged by a member of Council staff, objecting to the planning application.

As per Council's Planning Permit Applications Referral to Council Policy and the S6 Instrument of Delegation, relevant Council officers have delegation to decide on this application, however, as an objection has been received by an individual who is also a member of Council staff, officers consider it to be more transparent for a decision in relation to the application be determined at a Council meeting.

The proposal is for the use and development of the land for domestic animal husbandry and caretakers house (dwelling) on three small allotments, that has a combined area of less than 40 hectares in the Farming Zone. A domestic animal husbandry operation is proposed enabling the rehabilitation of no more than 20 ex-racing greyhounds for rehoming.

The subject site is within the settlement of Longwood East and is set amongst small vacant Farming Zoned allotments to the north and borders two larger properties that contain residences and planning permission for animal keeping to the south (boarding establishment for 100 dogs and 50 cats) and east (dog breeding and racing up to 25 greyhounds).

The application was notified to adjacent and nearby property owners and occupiers and one objection was received. This objection raised concerns about the potential for the proposed domestic animal husbandry to impact the objector's ongoing husbandry business, incompatibility with the Farming Zone and the devaluing of the objector's property.

The proposal was referred to Environment Protection Authority, Agriculture Victoria given the potential for offsite amenity impacts and agricultural nature of the application, Council's health officer, compliance team and engineering department. There were no objections to the proposal and conditional consent was provided by all referral authorities, aside from Agriculture Victoria who did not respond.

11.1.1 Planning Application P2023-121: Use and Development of Land for Domestic Animal Husbandry and Caretakers House (Dwelling) at 222 Faithfull Road, Longwood East (cont.)

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the application against the relevant provisions of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme. The subject land is located in the township of Longwood East and is an attractive location to those seeking rural lifestyle opportunities located close to larger centres. The subject land is identified in the Rural Residential Strategy 2004 as an area allowing rural residential development, however, Council officers hold concerns that approval of the application has the potential to both impact on and to be impacted by neighbouring agricultural activities.

In conclusion, an assessment of the application against the relevant planning considerations does not weigh in favour of support for this proposal. A detailed assessment of the application has been undertaken in the planning report included as attachment 1 to this report.

The Applicant's consultant addressed the meeting.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

- ***having caused notice of Planning Application No. P2023-121 to be given under Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and or the planning scheme;***
- ***and having considered all the matters required under Section 60 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 decides that, should it have the power to determine on the application, Council's position on the matter is to issue a Notice of Decision to Refuse to Grant a Permit under the provisions of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme in respect of the land known as (Lots 1 & 2 TP953561 and CA20 Sec B Parish Longwood), 222 Faithfull Road, Longwood East VIC 3666, for the Use and development of land for domestic animal husbandry and caretakers house (dwelling) based on the following grounds –***

Grounds of Refusal:

1. ***The proposal does not support the Purpose of the Farming Zone and does not weight in favour of support when assessed against the appropriate decision guidelines of the Farming Zone –***
 - ***The proposal has the potential to limit the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.***
 - ***The proposed dwelling has the potential to be adversely affected by agricultural activities on adjacent and nearby land due to dust, noise, odour, use of chemicals and farm machinery, traffic, and hours of operation.***

11.1.1 Planning Application P2023-121: Use and Development of Land for Domestic Animal Husbandry and Caretakers House (Dwelling) at 222 Faithfull Road, Longwood East (cont.)

MOTION (cont.)

- 2. The proposal, when assessed against the policy throughout the Strathbogie Planning Scheme, is not weighted in favour of support. The relevant policy that provides direction are –**
- a. Clause 02.03-4 – given the proximity to Melbourne and major regional centres, and the scenic nature of the area, there is a continual demand for rural lifestyle development not associated with farming. This leads to land use conflicts between genuine farming activities occurring on neighbouring properties and existing rural lifestyle properties.**
 - b. Clause 13.07-1S – the proposal results in a dwelling being located in proximity to neighbouring activities that have the potential to cause off-site amenity impacts.**
 - c. Clause 14.01-1S –**
 - a) the proposal does not appropriately address the impact it will have on agricultural activities on adjacent land;**
 - b) the proposed dwelling is incompatible with the activities occurring on neighbouring properties;**
 - d. Clause 14.01-2L- the proposal does not sufficiently outline how noise from the proposed activity will be managed to avoid amenity impacts.**

101-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.1.2 Planning Applications Received and Planning Applications Determined - 1 to 31 May 2024

Author: Manager Planning and Investment

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides listings of all Planning Applications Received (Attachment 1) and Planning Applications Determined (Attachment 2) for the period of 1 to 31 May 2024. The latest available Planning Permit Activity Performance (PPARS) Figures are also attached (Attachment 3). It should be noted that the latest PPARS Figures are for the month of April 2024. The May 2024 PPARS Figures were not available at the time of writing this report as the monthly figures are not updated until 15th of each month. The contents of this report are provided for information purposes only.

It is noted that there were seventeen (17) new planning applications received and twenty-three (23) planning applications decided on during the reporting period.

Attachment 4 to this report provides an update on current Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) appeals where no decision has been made. Two VCAT matters listed in attachment 4 in last month's report have now been decided upon. VCAT matter P172/2024 at 59 Murray Street, Violet Town was withdrawn at the request of the applicant. In VCAT matter P1064/2022 at 1890 Euroa-Strathbogrie Road, Kithbrook, the Tribunal has directed that a planning permit be issued. This direction was in accordance with the Council decision to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note that there were seventeen (17) new planning applications received, and twenty-three (23) planning applications decided on during the period of 1 to 31 May 2024; and***
- 2. Note the report.***

There was no determination made on this item and, as such, the item will be carried over to the July 2024 Council meeting.

11.2 COMMUNITY

11.2.1 Play and Open Space Strategy 2024-2034

Author: Manager Community and Culture

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has developed a comprehensive draft Play and Open Space Strategy 2024-2034. The strategy aims to address the diverse needs of our community by enhancing access to play spaces, promoting active lifestyles, and fostering social interaction while also preserving and enhancing our natural environment.

Council's draft Play and Open Space Strategy 2024-2034 (*the Strategy*) incorporates broad design and development principles for play and open space, including dog parks and exercise stations and will help guide Council's commitment to these assets and investment in future years.

The draft Strategy is the result of a comprehensive review completed by external consultant, JF Studio Pty Ltd, and community engagement with schools, kindergartens, events and a survey through the Share Strathbogie engagement hub.

This report recommends that the draft Strategy now be placed on public exhibition for a further consultation period from 19 June 2024 to 17 July 2024 via Council's Share Strathbogie hub and promoted on Council's various communications platforms.

This feedback will then be collated and reviewed to inform the final strategy for presentation and consideration by Council at a future Council meeting.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the release of the draft Play and Open Space Strategy 2024-2034 for broad community consultation and feedback, commencing on Wednesday 19 June 2024 and closing on Wednesday 17 July 2024 at 5.00 pm; and***
- 2. Receive a further report at the August 2024 Council Meeting for the consideration of the final Play and Open Space Strategy 2024-2034.***

102-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.2.2 Contract Extension Belgravia Health Leisure Group Pty Ltd

Author: Manager Community and Culture

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Belgravia Health Leisure Group Pty Ltd (Belgravia Leisure) have been successfully managing Strathbogie Shire's aquatic facilities since the 2020/2021 season. At the September 2021 Council meeting, Belgravia Leisure were awarded a three (3) year contract with the option of two single year extensions, subject to satisfactory performance and agreement between both parties. Under Belgravia Leisure's management, Council's aquatic facilities have vastly improved with their expertise in the field and strong focus on safety and risk management.

The relationship with Belgravia Leisure has supported Council to work towards long term strategic goals and mutually beneficial outcomes for the community in line with the Strathbogie Community Pools 10 Year Strategy.

The 2023/2024 season saw the conclusion of the initial three (3) year contract term. Officers have conducted a performance review with Belgravia Leisure, considered feedback from the Friends of the Pools groups and recommend Council enact the first of the 1 (one) year contract extensions.

The 2024/2025 management fee for the extension of services was awarded by Council for \$359,972.68. There have been several key operating expenses that have increased substantially from the initial contract being awarded in 2021 which has seen Belgravia Leisure experience a substantial net loss. Officers have been in negotiations with Belgravia Leisure, as well as reviewing the operational model to ensure the most economical operational management of the pools.

Officers, with advice from Belgravia Leisure, propose a revised management fee for the 2024/2025 season of \$452,893 (excluding GST) to ensure financial viability and enabling the ongoing management of the aquatic facilities by Belgravia Leisure.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve a single year extension to Belgravia Health Leisure Group Pty Ltd for the management and operation of Council's four (4) aquatic centres for the 2024/2025 season at a cost of \$452,893 (excluding GST).

103-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.3 **INFRASTRUCTURE**

11.3.1 **Tender for Contract No. 23/24-56: Drysdale Road Bridge Abutment Replacement**

Author: Manager Asset Planning / Procurement and Tenders Officer

Responsible Director: Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Drysdale Road Bridge (Euroa), incurred damage to one of its abutments during the October 2022 flood event. The bridge requires reconstruction to the abutment on the western side. The asset has been assessed as part of the flood investigation works under the provision of eligible funding guidelines from Emergency Management Victoria but was deemed ineligible.

Tenders for Contract No. 23/24-56 - Drysdale Road Bridge Abutment Replacement was advertised from 8 March 2024 to 5 April 2024. Council received two (2) tenders by the closing date. A comprehensive evaluation of both submissions was conducted by the evaluation panel, and a summary of the evaluation results is provided in this report.

It is recommended that Council award the tender to Waratah Constructions Pty Ltd of Benalla, for a total amount of \$312,430.80 (including GST). The bridge rehabilitation works will commence in July 2024 with an anticipated completion date of August 2024. The works will require a closure of Drysdale Road, and a detour route around the site using Nelsons Road will be established until the completion of the works.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

1. ***Note the outcome of the tender assessment process for Contract No 23/24-56 for the Drysdale Road Bridge Abutment Replacement;***
2. ***Award the tender for Contract No. 23/24-56 Drysdale Road Bridge Abutment Replacement to Waratah Constructions Pty Ltd of Benalla, for a total amount of \$312,430.80 (including GST);***
3. ***Authorise officers to advise the unsuccessful tenderer;***
4. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Contract by signing and affixing with the Common Seal of Strathbogie Shire Council; and***
5. ***Note that the contract works will commence in July 2024 with an anticipated completion date of August 2024.***

104-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.3.2 Capital Program Delivery Status - May 2024

Author: Director Sustainable Infrastructure

Responsible Director: Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides commentary on the delivery status of all approved capital projects for the 2023/24 financial year providing updates in terms of budget phasing comparison and completions timelines.

The metrics continue to reflect most projects are on track to be delivered in this financial year with no significant changes to the previous month's reporting. All projects forecast to not be completed in the current financial year will be completed in the 2024/25 financial year. All these projects have funding streams that provide for these delivery timelines and do not place the receipt of funding from the external sources at risk. Further, their late delivery will not impact on the delivery of the 2024/25 financial year's Capital Program.

Of note, the following projects have commenced but are yet to be completed:

- Violet Town Landfill refurbishment - final EPA approval still pending.
- Euroa toilet refurbishment - will be completed by end of July; significant scope reduction due to accommodation study outcome impacts reducing the expected expenditure to \$95,000, incl GST.
- Stormwater strategy - work underway. Project to be finalised in the second quarter of the 2024/25 financial year to inform 2025/26 capital budget process.
- Chinamans Bridge study report - Options Report complete. Subject to a Council Report to the June 2024 meeting.
- Nagambie Streetscape design works - currently remaining with DTP for final comment. Toilet refurbishment (comfort station) contract awarded and works to be complete August 2024.
- Weir Road - the contractor is approximately two weeks behind schedule however, it is anticipated that all but 100 m of the 2.7km of the road will be sealed in July 2024.

Unfortunately, there has been delays in the preparation of the Planning Permit Application for the removal of the trees. The approval process will take longer than anticipated and the decision on the permit shall not be made until after the Contractor has completed the initial 2.6km of the road seal.

Once a decision on the native vegetation is determined at the August 2024 Council meeting, the final 100m section will be completed.

It is anticipated that there will be minimal additional costs of the delay and that the work will be completed in February 2025 (due to election caretaker period restrictions).

- Plant and Equipment Capital purchase - renewal program to be determined and implemented in first quarter of 2024/25 financial year.
- Major patching contract - the successful contractor is committed until August 2024, and as such works will not commence until September 2024. The contractor will manage maintenance of minor patching until works complete without additional cost.
- Buckley Park Nagambie Boardwalk refurbishment - stage 1 to commence and be completed in September 2024;

11.3.2 Capital Program Delivery Status - May 2024 (cont.)

- Nagambie Locksley Road intersection - ARTC approvals are required and, as such, the project has been delayed. Works anticipated to be completed in June, however, delays are likely and will incur additional costs as rail safety officers are required whilst the work is performed.
- Kirwans Bridge reserve - works not delivered in this financial year. The revised timeline for works is scheduled for September 2024.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council note the Capital Program Delivery May 2024 Status Report.

105-23/24 CARRIED

11.3.3 Contracts, Works, Variations and Grants Awarded under Delegation - 1 to 31 May 2024

Author: Procurement and Tenders Officer

Responsible Director: Director People and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council and the community of the status of request for the publicly advertised tenders, invitations for written quotations and quotations provided using collaborative and/or third-party contracts which have been awarded under delegation for the period 1 May to 31 May 2024. This report specifically relates to works that form part of Council's 2023/24 adopted Budget.

This report also details any grants awarded as per Council's adopted Community Funding Model, or variations approved under delegation. Council adopted a Community Funding Model at the June 2023 Council Meeting authorising the Chief Executive Officer to award Quick Response Grants.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council note:

- 1. The Contracts awarded under delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer;***
- 2. The Contract awarded under delegated authority by a Director;***
- 3. That no low value Contract Variations of up to 15% of original Contract value, but less than \$15,000 (inclusive of GST) were awarded under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer in May 2024; and***
- 4. That no quick response grant applications were received during the reporting period.***

106-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.3.4 Chinamans Bridge Nagambie: Options Assessment

Author: Director Community and Planning

Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In October 2022, major flooding occurred within the Strathbogie Shire Council area. The flooding affected multiple heritage listed bridges located within the municipality, including Chinamans Bridge (H1449). Chinamans Bridge (*the Bridge*) is an extensive timber trestle bridge approximately 100 metres long and 8 metres wide on the deck. The Bridge was made redundant with a replacement bridge constructed by the State Government for traffic approximately 80m upstream and opened in 1995.

The Bridge has become unsafe with the October 2022 riverine flooding further exacerbating the decline in the Bridge condition. Heritage Victoria completed a post flood audit and set out a series of recommendations that Council must follow regarding any works or activities relating to the Bridge.

The significant damage to the structure and the risk the structure poses to the community has resulted in the closure of the waterways underneath the Bridge. This waterways closure (exclusion zone) continues to have a significant impact on the broader visitor economy of Nagambie and on several businesses who operate on or along the waterways. The Nagambie community, Go Nagambie and the Nagambie Rowing Club have been seeking regular updates from Council regarding a solution for Chinamans Bridge that will result in the waterways reopening as soon as practicable, allowing safe passage by vessels and waterways users.

Council engaged Extent Heritage as a specialist in this field (approved by Heritage Victoria) to undertake the below works on behalf of Council consistent with the requirements of the Heritage Victoria post flood Audit:

- Develop specifications to secure loose fabric;
- Complete digital archiving and photogrammetry;
- Undertake a structural engineering assessment utilising someone with adequate heritage experience (acceptable to Heritage Victoria); and
- Develop an options assessment report to present to Heritage Victoria with recommendations for the structure.

The above works have now been completed and the Chinamans Bridge Nagambie Options Assessment Report (the Report) has been reviewed by Council officers.

Refer Attachment 1 for full copy of the final Extent Heritage Report (including Appendix A: Condition Assessment and Appendix B: Structural Engineering Advice).

Based on the reports from the Heritage Conservancy, the Structural Engineer report from Mark Hodgkinson Pty Ltd, and a report from GMR Engineering (Attachment 1, Appendix B), this Report recommends a demolition of the Bridge structure with the exception of the land-based abutments, as per Section 11 of the Report.

11.3.4 Chinamans Bridge Nagambie: Options Assessment (cont.)**The Administrator adopted the Motion*****That Council:***

- 1. *Note the Chinamans Bridge Nagambie Options Assessment Report from Extent Heritage;***
- 2. *Endorse the final recommendation in section 11 of the Report to demolish the Chinamans Bridge structure excluding the land based abutments;***
- 3. *Authorise Council officers to engage Extent Heritage to prepare and submit a permit application to Heritage Victoria to demolish the Chinamans Bridge structure excluding the land-based abutments, consistent with Section 11 of the Report;***
- 4. *Work with Go Nagambie to advocate to the State Government, Department of Transport and Planning and Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action for funds to demolish the Chinamans Bridge structure excluding the land based abutments; and***
- 5. *Receive a further report following Heritage Victoria's review of Council's Permit Application.***

107-23/24 CARRIED

11.4 **CORPORATE**

11.4.1 **2021-25 Council Plan Update – Year 4 Actions 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025**

Author: Director People and Governance

Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2021-25 Council Plan (*the Plan*) was adopted in October 2021. It is considered prudent to align the time of review and update of the Council Plan Actions with the budget cycle, as has been standard practice for many years, even though the new *Local Government Act 2020* is silent on the Council Plan review process.

The Council Plan ([Strathbogie Shire Council 20212025 Council Plan.pdf](#)) is currently in its third year of delivery, with the fourth year of delivery set to commence 1 July 2024. This will be the final review of the current plan, with a new Council Plan 2025-2029, to be developed once the elected Council forms in late 2024.

The review and update ensure that the resources required to implement the Community Vision and the six Strategic Focus Areas outlined in the Plan are allocated, where possible, through the annual budget process.

A number of key initiatives have been included in the 2024-2025 Year 4 actions with some actions due for completion prior to 30 June 2025. These actions include:

- Adoption of the updated Rural Land Use and Rural Residential Strategies
- Adoption of the Urban Growth Strategy
- Creating a Significant Tree Register
- Undertaking a Waste Management and Transfer Station Rationalisation Study
- Undertaking the development of the Euroa Railway Precinct Master Plan
- Understanding the outcomes of the civic accommodation study and present findings and recommendations to Council
- Completing the Arts and Culture Strategy to support the community in driving diversity in activities and events
- Review and implementation of actions from the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan to support growth within existing townships and mitigate health risks from wastewater
- Reviewing the Euroa Saleyards Masterplan to enhance its viability and minimise environmental impacts
- Reviewing the Violet Town District Strategic Development Plan to guide future development and growth while maintaining local character; and
- Participating in the newly established Goulburn Regional Tourism Inc.

At the April 2024 Council meeting, Council endorsed to release the draft updated 2021-2025 Council Plan (Year 4 actions 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025) for community feedback. At the closing of the community feedback period on 24 May 2024, one (1) written submission had been received. The submission highlighted a small grammatical error which has been rectified in this final version. This is the only change that has been made to the document following the closing of submissions.

It is recommended that the updated 2021-25 Council Plan (Year 4 actions 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025) be adopted by Council.

11.4.1 2021-25 Council Plan Update – Year 4 Actions 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 (cont.)

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

- 1. *Adopt the updated 2021-25 Council Plan (Year 4 actions 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025); and***
- 2. *Inform the community that the updated 2021-25 Council Plan (Year 4 actions 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025) has been adopted through social and printed media, with the revised document placed on Council's website.***

108-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.4.2 Council Policy Review: Draft Risk Management Policy 2024 and Draft Risk Management Framework 2024

Author: Director People and Governance

Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past eight months, the organisation has facilitated a large body of work to further progress the Council's approach to risk management.

Part of this process included a comprehensive review of the Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Framework. Although there are minor changes to the draft Risk Management Policy (*the Policy*), the draft Risk Management Framework (*the Framework*) has more robust changes that reflect improved risk reporting obligations for the whole organisation and developing improved reporting functionality to the Audit and Risk Committee and Council.

The revised Policy and Framework will help drive the required cultural change across the organisation in relation to risk management. Significant gains in this area have been made over the past twelve months in terms of ensuring risk management is embedded in day-to-day operations, however there is still more work to be done.

Oversight of Council's Risk Management Framework is a key focus for the Audit and Risk Committee. As such, the revised draft Policy and draft Framework were considered by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 1 March 2024. There were no changes to the draft Policy or Framework requested by the Committee.

Further updates have been made to the Policy and Framework to ensure risk categories and risk matrix best suit the needs of the organisation. Further engagement with our internal auditors provided external expert input and feedback on our risk management approach, treatments, and strategies.

This report seeks Council endorsement of the revised draft Risk Management Policy 2024 and the revised draft Risk Management Framework 2024.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

- 1. *Adopt the revised draft Risk Management Policy 2024;***
- 2. *Adopt the revised draft Risk Management Framework 2024; and***
- 3. *Place the updated policy on Council's website, along with the publication of a notice in Council's weekly newspaper column and social media pages informing the community about the adoption of the updated policy.***

109-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.4.3 Council Policy Review: Draft Public Art Policy 2024

Author: Director Community and Planning

Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Organisational policies provide the framework and structure for Council's business operations to ensure application of good governance, risk and compliance.

Council adopted a Public Art Policy (*the Policy*) on 20 September 2022.

Public art can form an integral part of the public domain by enhancing people's experiences and encouraging greater interaction with public spaces. Public art is the unique association of how it is made, where it is, and what it means.

This Policy provides a clear and transparent process for assessing and making decisions about the design, placement, and preservation of art in public spaces in the Strathbogie Shire. This Policy applies to public art acquired and commissioned by Council, and by third parties that are to be donated or transferred to Council and those that will be placed on Council land or maintained by Council.

Part 1 of the policy specifically describes Council's policy position whilst Part 2 details the processes associated with the application of the Policy.

A review of this Policy has been completed by officers. This review considered lessons learnt from the application of this policy, benchmarking and comparison with other similar Council's and feedback from Artists and the Community.

The Policy has been updated to Council's new policy template and minor changes have been made to wording, grammar and the responsible officer, reflecting Council's current structure and positions. In addition, changes have been made to introduce an independent assessment panel and removal of a public vote to ensure a more equitable and transparent process is undertaken that protects artists and their intellectual property and reputation.

The draft Policy is presented to Council for consideration.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the draft Public Art Policy 2024; and***
- 2. Place the updated policy on Council's website, along with the publication of a notice in Council's newspaper columns and social media pages informing the community about the adoption of the revised policy.***

110-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.4.4 New Policy: Draft Councillors Interaction with Developers Policy 2024

Author: Director People & Governance

Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Councillor Interaction with Developers Policy (*the Policy*) supports Council in its ongoing drive for good governance and the importance of open and accountable conduct.

The draft Policy serves to preserve the integrity of Council by ensuring that interaction is conducted in accordance with the highest standards of transparency, integrity and honesty and is open to public scrutiny. The draft Policy aims to prevent actual or perceived conflicts of interest and mitigate lobbying-related risks to minimise opportunities for misconduct or corrupt behaviour.

The draft Policy has incorporated recommendations issued by the Local Government Inspectorate (LGI) in 2022 including that interactions with developers must be appropriate. This included the following recommendations:

1. Councillors should avoid comment before a decision;
2. Councillors should avoid meeting developers one-on-one;
3. Councillors should avoid accepting gifts and hospitality from developers;
4. Councils should create a policy to guide councillor interactions with developers; and
5. Councils should keep a register of councillor interactions with developers.

In July 2023, the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Council (IBAC) Operation Sandon Report made some recommendations to this concern following their investigations into allegations of serious corrupt conduct in relation to planning and property development decisions at the City of Casey Council. Recommendation 22 and 26 of the report specifically relate to this agenda item which include the development of a *Model Transparency Policy* and *Model Governance Rules*.

Whilst guidance notes and more information on these two documents is yet to be released by Local Government Victoria, the draft Councillor Interaction with Developers Policy has been developed to provide an additional layer of transparency and openness when meeting with developers, submitters and lobbyists.

The draft Policy places obligations on developers and lobbyists, Councillors and officers. This report seeks Council adoption of the new draft Policy.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the draft Councillor Interaction with Developers Policy 2024; and***

11.4.4 New Policy: Draft Councillors Interaction with Developers Policy 2024 (cont.)

MOTION (cont.)

2. ***Place the policy on Council's website, along with the publication of a notice in Council's newspaper columns and social media pages informing the community about the adoption of the policy.***

111-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.4.5 New Council Policy: Draft Lease and Licensing Policy 2024

Author: Principal Property Officer

Responsible Director: Director Community & Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Organisational policies provide the framework and structure for Council's business operations to ensure application of good governance, risk and compliance.

The Lease and Licensing Policy has been necessitated following the introduction of the *Local Government Act 2020* and due the high number of assets Council provide for the benefit of the community, for community purposes. Council has previously not had a Lease and Licensing policy.

The draft Lease and Licensing Policy (*the Policy*) will ensure that a consistent, equitable and transparent approach is taken to leasing and licensing of Council properties that provide community benefit and in a manner that complies with all legal requirements.

The scope of the policy is to support Council in its decision making in accordance with obligations under the Local Government Act 2020 and provides clarity on Council's approach to leasing and licencing to any party. The policy supports the sustainability of Council's properties through appropriate and equitable contribution towards maintenance and oversight of the facilities in line with each category of lease or licence and the associated agreement.

The Policy relates primarily to the following property types as follows (inter alia):

- Community Halls and infrastructure
- Buildings/ sheds
- Land
- Kindergartens/ early years services
- Property for commercial purposes

It is important to note that this Policy currently does not apply to Councils Recreation Reserves and sporting clubs.

The report is presented to Council for the Policy to be placed on public exhibition for community feedback and for officers to engage with relevant community groups impacted by this Policy for further consultation.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

- 1. *Endorse the release of the draft Lease and Licensing Policy 2024 for broad community consultation and engagement, commencing on Wednesday 19 June 2024 and closing on Wednesday 17 July 2024 at 5.00 pm;***
- 2. *Place the draft Lease and Licensing Policy on Share Strathbogie and publish a notice in Council's weekly newspaper column and social media pages notifying the community about the draft Policy;***

11.4.5 New Council Policy: Draft Lease and Licensing Policy 2024 (cont.)

MOTION (cont.)

- 3. Authorise officers to commence formal engagement with the various management committees, community groups and commercial tenants to seek feedback on the application of this Policy; and**
- 4. Receive a further report to the August 2024 Council meeting for consideration of the final Policy informed by community feedback.**

112-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.4.6 New Council Policy: Draft Election Signage Policy

Author: Coordinator Governance and Records Management

Responsible Director: Director People & Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Election Signage Policy (*the Policy*) supports Council in its ongoing drive for good governance and the importance of open and accountable conduct.

The draft Policy outlines Council's requirements on the positioning of election signage for Local, State and Federal elections in the Shire and how election signage erected on Council owned or managed land and in places that may cause a risk to the community will be managed and removed as required.

The draft policy aims to provide clear guidelines for candidates in Local, State and Federal elections.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

- 1. *Adopt the draft Election Signage Policy; and***
- 2. *Place the policy on Council's website, along with the publication of a notice in Council's newspaper columns and social media pages informing the community about the adoption of the policy.***

113-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.4.7 Strathbogie Shire Council Audit and Risk Committee – Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5 April 2024

Author: Coordinator Governance and Records Management

Responsible Director: Director People & Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the confirmed minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 5 April 2024 endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting held 31 May 2024.

The items considered by the Committee at the meeting were as follows:

Business:

- Draft 2024-25 Strathbogie Shire Council Budget and Draft Fees and Charges
It was agreed that the 2024-25 Budget was solid, and the Audit and Risk Committee noted the 2024-25 Fees and Charges.
- Strategy Meeting/Workshop scheduled for 21 June 2024
The annual Audit and Risk Committee Strategy meeting/workshop is an opportunity for the Committee to discuss and workshop strategies with officers to enhance and improve outcomes around Council's governance, legislative, risk and financial obligations.
Suggestions were received regarding agenda items for the strategy meeting/workshop to be held 21 June 2024.

The confirmed minutes from the above meeting are presented for Council's noting.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council receive and note the Confirmed Minutes of the Strathbogie Shire Council Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 5 April 2024.

114-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.4.8 Local Government Finance Professionals (FinPro) Submission to the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Service Delivery in Victoria

Author: Director People and Governance

Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victorian Parliament Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee is currently accepting public submissions to the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Service Delivery in Victoria.

The inquiry is assessing local governments' ability to deliver core services and the effects of cost shifting from state and federal governments to local council.

The sustainability of current revenue structures and alternative funding models for local governments are also being considered.

More specifically, the Committee will investigate local government funding and service delivery in Victoria, including:

- cost shifting from state and federal governments to local council;
- ability of local governments to meet core service delivery objectives;
- local government's revenue structure, as well as whether these structures are sustainable and appropriate; and
- whether there are alternative models of funding to consider.

Local Government Finance Professionals (FinPro), a not-for-profit incorporate association, is the peak body servicing local government finance professionals in Victoria and have made a submission to the Inquiry. FinPro's submission was undertaken by consultancy firm, The AEC Group, that found a number of recommendations that address financial sustainability issues, promote collaboration and advocate for fair funding mechanisms for local government.

This report seeks that Council note and support the submission made by FinPro.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

- 1. That Council note and support the submission made by Local Government Finance Professionals (FinPro) to the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Service Delivery in Victoria.***
- 2. Authorise Council officers to make a submission to the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Service Delivery in Victoria in support of the submission by Local Government Finance Professionals (FinPro).***

115-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.5 GOVERNANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

11.5.1 Updated Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules

Author: Director People and Governance

Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the Council must develop, adopt, and keep in force Governance Rules.

The Governance Rules outline the procedures for Council meetings and set the rules of behaviour for those participating and present at the meeting. They also outline the process or contain information relating to the following:

- Process for the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- Meeting procedures and conduct directives for Council, Delegated Committees and Community Asset Committees meetings;
- Disclosures of conflict of interests; and
- Election Period Policy.

An extensive review (including community engagement and consultation) of Council's Governance Rules was undertaken in 2023 and the Governance Rules were endorsed at the 17 October 2023 Council Meeting.

A requirement of Section (69) of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that a Council must also include an Election Period Policy in its Governance Rules.

Since the review in 2023, further amendments were identified to address anomalies to improve the implementation of the Governance Rules. In addition, the Election Period Policy was updated in preparation for the Local Government elections in October 2024. At the April 2024 Council meeting, Council endorsed the release of the Governance Rules for community engagement as required by Section 60 (4) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

At the closing of submissions on 15 May 2024, a total of five (5) submissions were received. A comprehensive summary of the submissions is detailed further in this report. Several changes have been made to the draft Governance Rules, resulting from the submissions.

Since the release of the draft Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules in April, further amendments have been made to the document. More specifically, the changes relate to the Election Period Policy (Chapter 4 of the Governance Rules). The amendments, prepared by Council's lawyer, enable the organisation to conduct business more effectively during this period. For completeness, any restrictions relating to a member of Council staff running as a candidate will be covered in Council's Staff Code of Conduct CEO Directive. In addition, the Victorian Electoral Commission indicated that you cannot be a candidate if you are a member of Council staff of the Council. Officers can take leave from their role in order to nominate.

As the Election Period Policy is included in the Governance Rules, any amendment to the Governance Rules requires community engagement as required by Section 60 (4) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

11.5.1 Updated Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules (cont.)

This report seeks endorsement to release the draft amended Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules for broad community consultation for a period of 28 days commencing 19 June 2024. This updated amended draft of the Governance Rules incorporates accepted feedback from the community engagement period that closed on 15 May 2024.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That Council:

1. ***Note the outcomes of the community consultation on the draft Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules;***
2. ***Following further amendments to the draft, endorse the release of the draft Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules for broad community consultation for a period of 28 days, commencing on Wednesday 19 June 2024 and closing on Wednesday 17 July 2024 at 5.00 pm; and***
3. ***Receives a further report at the 20 August 2024 Council meeting to consider the final Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules detailing the outcomes of the community consultation on the draft Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules.***

116-23/24 **CARRIED**

11.5.2 Monthly Performance Report

The June 2024 Monthly Performance Report includes reports as follows:-

- Building Department – May 2024 Statistics
- Planning Department – Planning Application Approvals – Development Cost (Capital Improved Value) – May 2024
- Customer Enquiry Analysis Report – May 2024
- Waste Management Reporting ~ Year to Date – May 2024
- Transfer Station Date - May 2024
- Actioning of Council Reports Resolutions – Council Meeting Tuesday 21 May 2024
- Outstanding Actions of Council Resolutions to 31 May 2024
- Review of Council Policies and Adoption of new Policies – May/June 2024
- Records of Informal Council Briefings / Meetings – 1 to 31 May 2024

By reporting on a monthly basis, Council can effectively manage any risks that may arise. The Business Management System will also incorporate Council's corporate goals and objectives.

The Administrator adopted the Motion

That the report be accepted.

117-23/24 **CARRIED**

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13. NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

14. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

NEXT MEETINGS

An Extraordinary meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 25 June 2024, at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, at 6.00 pm. The business of this meeting will be the adoption of the 2024-25 Budget, Fees and Charges and Declaration of Rates and Charges for the 12 Months ending 30 June 2025, and Pitch My Project Recommendations for Funding

The next monthly meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 16 July 2024, at the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, at 6.00 pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.50 P.M.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

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Chair

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Date