



# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, 26 February 2019

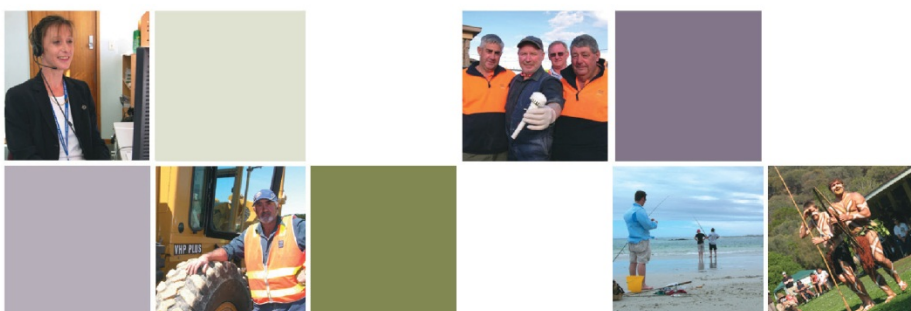
to be held at

**Port Fairy Community Services Centre**

**16 Atkinson Street, Port Fairy**

Commencing at 4.00 pm

Moyne Shire - a safe, vibrant, liveable, and prosperous community





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## **Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

## **Recording of Council Meetings**

Please note that today's meeting is being audio recorded. This recording will be uploaded to Council's website and will be accessible by the general public. By participating in and addressing those present at the meeting, you consent to any information you disclose (including any personal information or sensitive information) being recorded and uploaded to the website.

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, we humbly beseech your blessing on the Council, direct and prosper its deliberations for the welfare of the people of the Moyne Shire.

AMEN

## **Apologies**

### **Motion (if required)**

That an apology be received from .....

## Declarations of Interest

Local Government Act 1989 Section 79 (2): A Councillor or member of a special committee who has a conflict of interest and is attending the meeting of the Council or special committee must make a full disclosure of that interest:

- (a) by either:
  - (i) Advising the Council or special committee at the meeting of the details required under paragraph (b) and (c) immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting; or
  - (ii) Advising the Chief Executive Officer in writing of the details required under paragraphs (b) and (c) before the meeting; and
- (b) Classifying the type of interest that has given rise to the conflict as either:
  - (i) A direct interest: or
  - (ii) An indirect interest and specifying the particular kind of indirect interest under Section 78, 78A, 78B, 78C, 78D or 78E; and
- (c) Describing the nature of the interest; and
- (d) If the Councillor or member advised the Chief Executive Officer of the details under paragraph (a) (ii), the Councillor or member must make a disclosure of the class of interest only to the meeting immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting.

### Members of Staff

Under Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989, officers of people engaged under contract to the Council providing a report or advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests in the matter, including the type of interest.

## Confirmation of Minutes

### Recommendation

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 January 2019, be confirmed**

## Public Participation

Members of the public attending the monthly Council Ordinary Meeting may address the meeting in respect of either:

- a) any item listed in the business paper; or
- b) any other matter relevant to the activities and projects of the Council.

Any person wishing to address the Council must submit details in writing of the nature of the issue / question they wish to raise by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting day.

The public participation segment for each Council meeting will be held at 4.00pm.

Any matters raised at a public participation session will be considered by the Council at the subsequent Council meeting.

The matters will be considered after the confirmation of minutes of previous meetings and be considered in the order they were raised at the public participation session.

## Meeting Procedure Local Law – 61(11) and 61(12)

**Summary:** If the Chief Executive Officer is unable to provide an answer to a question from a member of the public (during the public participation section of the meeting), the Chief Officer must provide and circulate to all Councillors a written answer to the member of the public at his or her nominated address as soon as is practicable. The response must be tabled at the next Ordinary Meeting and a summary of the text of the question and the response be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

**Public participation attendees**

None registered at time of printing





## 1. Assemblies of Councillors

**Presented to Council Meeting – 26 February 2019**

Presented by Chief Executive Officer

Report Author Executive Assistant

### Officer's Recommendation

**That Council receives and notes the records of the listed assemblies of Councillors covering the period 12 January 2019 to 15 February 2019.**

#### 15 January 2019 – Councillor Workshop

<b>Matters considered</b>	<b>Communications Strategy Refresh</b> <b>Mortlake Kindergarten Transition</b> <b>GSC Food &amp; Fibre presentation - Tony Ford and Georgina Gubbins</b> <b>Banking Contract</b> <b>Hawkesdale Bus Parking - Austin Street</b> <b>Woolsthorpe CEC - Vacancy</b> <b>Woolsthorpe CEC - Charter</b> <b>Site Visit - Call in - PL18/007 Lake View Road, Koroit</b>
<b>Councillors present</b>	<b>Cr Doukas, Cr Lockett, Cr Meade, Cr Parker, Cr Ryan, Cr Smith, Cr Wolfe</b>
<b>Staff present</b>	<b>Mr Millard, Mr Greenberger, Mr Leddin, Mr Moles, Ms Cook</b>
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	<b>None declared</b>

#### 16 January 2019 - Mortlake South Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

<b>Matters considered</b>	<b>Introduction of Acciona's construction team representatives</b> <b>Management plans and process for DELWP endorsement</b> <b>Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and Secondary TMP – process for endorsement</b> <b>Communication with the public regarding haulage routes</b> <b>Background noise monitoring</b> <b>Transmission line update</b> <b>Neighbour Benefits Program</b> <b>Offsite visual screening/landscaping</b>
<b>Councillors present</b>	<b>Cr Jim Doukas (Chair), Cr Jill Parker, Cr Ian Smith</b>
<b>Staff present</b>	<b>Ms V Askew-Thornton</b>
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	<b>None declared</b>

**1 February 2019 – Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee**

<b>Matters considered</b>	<p>Project timeline update.</p> <p>Transmission line proposed route.</p> <p>Request for Powercor to engage with the Committee.</p> <p>New project newsletter.</p> <p>Project open day in late February.</p>
<b>Councillors present</b>	Cr Doukas, Cr Ryan (Chair), Cr Wolfe
<b>Staff present</b>	Ms V Askew-Thornton
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	None declared

**5 February 2019 - Councillor Workshop**

<b>Matters considered</b>	<p>CEO Performance Management Plan with Ruth McGowan</p> <p>Presentation - National Soldier Settlement Museum Project, Mortlake</p> <p>Policy Review PS-16 Construction and Sealing of Unsealed Roads Rural Access Program</p> <p>Long Term Financial Plan Capital Works</p> <p>Princes Highway West Action Alliance Update</p> <p>VEC Electoral Representation Review Submission</p> <p>Capital Works - Community Group presentations</p>
<b>Councillors present</b>	Cr Doukas, Cr Lockett, Cr Meade, Cr Parker, Cr Ryan, Cr Smith, Cr Wolfe
<b>Staff present</b>	Mr Millard, Mr Greenberger, Mr Leddin, Mr Moles, Ms Cook
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	None declared.

**6 February 2019 – Dundonnell Wind Farm community Engagement Committee Meeting**

<b>Matters considered</b>	<p>Community Benefit Initiatives  Tilt Renewables and local CFA liaison update  External road upgrade progress and onsite quarry establishment  Fire risk mitigation  Proposed bore water usage for construction  Permit amendment, January 2019  Brolga mitigation plan update</p>
<b>Councillors present</b>	Cr Doukas, Cr Smith (Chair)
<b>Staff present</b>	Ms V Askew-Thornton
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	None declared

**12 February 2019 - Councillor Workshop**

<b>Matters considered</b>	<p>Bus Parking in Austin Street Hawkesdale  Mortlake Industrial Land Supply  Public Place Waste Collection  Presentation - Woolsthorpe Wind Farm  Presentation - Acciona Energy (Mortlake South Wind Farm)  Presentation - Fulton Hogan, Current trials using recycled plastic and glass</p>
<b>Councillors present</b>	Cr Doukas, Cr Lockett, Cr Meade, Cr Parker, Cr Ryan, Cr Smith, Cr Wolfe
<b>Staff present</b>	Mr Millard, Ms Johnston, Mr Leddin, Ms Grainger, Ms Askew-Thornton, Ms Cook
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	None declared.

**Synopsis**

This report details assemblies of Councillors that have taken place since the matter was last reported to Council in January 2019.

**Background**

In accordance with section 80A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* Council is required to report as soon as practicable to an Ordinary Meeting of Council a record of any assemblies of Councillors held.

**Strategic Link**

Moyne Shire Council Plan 2017-2021 Key Result Area 1 Governance: ‘Improve our processes and operating systems’

## Discussion

Amendments to the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) require records of assemblies of Councillors to be reported to an Ordinary Meeting of Council and recorded in the Minutes of that meeting.

An assembly of Councillors is defined in section 76AA of the Act. It is a meeting at which matters are considered that are intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision or the exercise of delegated authority and which is either of the following:

- A planned or scheduled meeting that includes at least half the Councillors and at least one Council Officer. These assemblies do not include meeting of Councillors and Council staff that are not planned or scheduled.
- A meeting of an advisory committee where at least one Councillor is present. An advisory committee is any committee established by the Council, other than a special committee, that provides advice to the Council or to a special committee or to a member of Council staff who has been delegated a power or duty or function of the Council.

A record must be kept of an assembly of Councillors and include the names of all Councillors and Council staff attending, the matters considered, disclosures of conflict of interest and whether a Councillor left the meeting after making a disclosure. In accordance with section 80A(2) of the Act, Council is required to report as soon as practicable to an Ordinary Meeting of Council a record of any assemblies of Councillors held.

The recommendation contains details of assemblies of Councillors that have taken place since the matter was last reported to Council in January 2019.

## Consultation

None required, statutory compliance.

## Financial Implications

This is a routine reporting item.

## Risk

If not compliant will be in breach of the Local Government Act 1989 section 80A. Reporting on Assemblies of Councillors provides a level of public transparency about meetings held by the Council and ensures that the records are retained.

## Conclusion

It is recommended that Council receive and note the records of recent assemblies of Councillors as contained in this report.

## **2. Financial Performance Report**

**Presented to Council Meeting – 26 February 2019**

Presented by Director Community and Corporate Support

Report Author Finance Manager

Attachment January 2019 Financial Performance Report

### **Officer's Recommendation**

**That Council receive the January 2019 Financial Performance Report.**

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### 3. Electoral Representation Review – Council Submission

**Presented to Council Meeting – 26 February 2019**

Presented by Director Community and Corporate Support

Report Author Manager Organisational Development

Attachment Council Submission to Moyne Shire Electoral Representation Review 2019

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

**That Council endorse the attached submission in response to the Victorian Electoral Commission's 2019 Electoral Representation Review.**

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#### **Synopsis**

The Local Government Act 1989 requires the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) to conduct an electoral representation review of each local council in Victoria before every third general election (i.e. every 12 years).

The review ensures fair and equitable representation for all voters and considers:

- whether the local council has the appropriate number of councillors;
- whether the local council should be subdivided into wards or be unsubdivided and;
- if subdivided, the number of wards, ward boundaries and the number of councillors per ward.

The VEC is conducting a 2019 electoral representation review for Moyne Shire. In accordance with the VEC timetable, preliminary submissions for the review are to be lodged by 20 February 2019.

A Moyne Shire Council submission is attached for Council's endorsement.

#### **Background**

The VEC are responsible for conducting an independent review of Victorian council's electoral representation arrangements before every third council election, being approximately every 12 years.

Moyne Shire's last review was completed in 2007 and resulted in Council changing from being subdivided, with 10 councillors elected from five two-councillor wards, to being unsubdivided with seven councillors.

Considerations in the last review included:

- the size of the Shire;
- number of voters;
- population dispersal, and;
- communities of interest.

Moyne Shire has 14,424 voters spread over 5,478 square kilometers with over 20 small towns.

The VEC are tasked with completing an independent review of electoral representation in the shire and have set out the following timeline:

21 January 2019	Public information sessions
20 February 2019	Closing date for preliminary submissions
20 March 2019	Preliminary report released
17 April 2019	Closing date for response submissions
24 April 2019	Public hearing
15 May 2019	Final report published.

The final report is to be lodged with the Minister for Local Government who will make the final decision on the outcome of the review.

### Strategic Link

Council Plan 2017 – 2021:

*“We will govern and administer our organisation to achieve the best outcomes for our community.”*

### Discussion

The VEC is now conducting a 2019 electoral representation review for Moyne Shire.

Council has committed to lodging a preliminary submission for the 2019 Moyne Shire Electoral Representation Review.

Council’s submission is attached for endorsement and it supports the current arrangements of Moyne Shire being unsubdivided with seven councillors.

The submission notes that being unsubdivided supports a whole of Council approach to managing the needs of the entire Shire.

Council also supports the retention of seven councillors as appropriate representation for the Council’s 14,424 voters and notes that this arrangement results in a ratio of 2,060 voters per councillor, which is one of the best representation ratios in the State.



It is also noted that seven councillors is common for similar rural councils.

Council does note that it has a wide range of small communities spread across a large (5,500 square kilometres) geographic area which results in significant travel commitments for councillors in attending Council and community meetings and engagements.

### **Consultation**

This is a Council submission.

### **Financial Implications**

No financial implications.

### **Risk**

No significant risks identified.

### **Conclusion**

Council has prepared a submission to the 2019 Moyne Shire Electoral Representation Review supporting current arrangements, and to provide feedback to the VEC as it prepares its preliminary report.



## 4. Petition – Rezoning of Coastal Crown Land

**Presented to** Council Meeting - 26 February 2019

Presented by Director of Sustainable Development

Report Author Strategic Planner

Attachment Petition – Rezoning of Coastal Crown Land

### Officer’s Recommendation

**That Council in accordance with Council’s Local Law (Meeting Procedures) receive the Petition regarding the Rezoning of Coastal Crown Land.**

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### Synopsis

This report relates to the Petition received by Council on 25 January, 2019, which is signed by seventeen (17) Moyne Shire ratepayers.

The Petition requests: *“Moyne Shire, as a planning authority, to undertake all necessary steps to rezone all coastal crown land currently identified in the Moyne Planning Scheme as Farming Zone to Public Conservation and Resource Zone to ensure the long term protection of the municipal coast from inappropriate use and development”*.

Council’s Local Law (Meeting Procedures) requires the Petition to be received by Council.

### Background

The Petition received is requesting that Council rezones *all coastal crown land currently identified in the Moyne Planning Scheme as Farming Zone to Public Conservation and Resource Zone*.

It suggests that the current application of the Farming Zone to Coastal Crown Land is an anomaly in the Planning Scheme and inconsistent with other municipal planning schemes along the Victorian coast.

In particular, the Petition refers to the Belfast Coastal Reserve and the need to protect the significance of the Reserve.

### Strategic Link

The Petition relates to the Council Plan 2017-2021:

*“We will protect and conserve our environment by: Protecting our coastline.”*

### Discussion

Council's Local Law (Meeting Procedures) does not allow a motion to be made regarding the Petition until the following Ordinary Meeting of Council, unless Council determines that it is a matter of urgent business.

### Consultation

Community consultation in relation to the use of Coastal Crown Land was undertaken by Parks Victoria as part of the preparation of the Belfast Coastal Reserve Management Plan. There has not been any subsequent community consultation other than the presentation of this Petition.

### Financial Implications

Financial implications are yet to be assessed.

### Risk

There is no perceived risk to Council in receiving the Petition.

### Conclusion

Moyne Shire has recently received a Petition from 17 ratepayers requesting Council: *“to undertake all necessary steps to rezone all coastal crown land currently identified in the Moyne Planning Scheme as Farming Zone to Public Conservation and Resource Zone to ensure the long term protection of the municipal coast from inappropriate use and development”*.

In accordance with Council's Local Law (Meeting Procedures), the Petition is to be received by Council.

## 5. Mortlake Industrial Land Supply

**Presented to** Council Meeting - 26 February 2019

Presented by Director of Sustainable Development

Report Author Manager Planning

Attachment Nil

### Officer's Recommendation

**That Council endorse the preparation of the Mortlake Industrial Land Supply Project.**

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### Synopsis

Council has been successful in receiving funding through the Victorian Planning Authority "Streamlining for Growth" funding to prepare an assessment of industrial land in Mortlake.

The Strategy will comprise:

- An audit of the existing supply of industrial land
- Estimate the forthcoming demand for industrial land having regard to development of the regional saleyards, the quantum of renewable energy projects, review of population and economic data.
- Build on directions from the upcoming Moyne Economic Development Strategy.
- Recommend new areas to be set aside for industrial development and associated planning scheme recommendations.

### Background

Council applied for funding through the Streamlining for Growth funding stream offered by the Victorian Planning Authority in June, 2018 and was advised of success and allocated the funding in November, 2018.

The value of the project is \$105,000. This comprises:

\$75,000	Grant to Council.
\$25,000	Victorian Planning Authority input – to complete the land supply and demand analysis.
\$5,000	'In-kind' Council contribution

The project will concentrate on land proximate to the existing industrial estate in Connewarren Lane and also review the need to retain the industrial zoning to the south of Mortlake managed by Victrack. This land is adjacent to residential areas, is low lying and subject to inundation and forms a natural urban boundary to Mortlake.

### Strategic Link

Council Plan – Economy – *We will support our businesses and industries to enable our community to prosper.*

### Discussion

#### The Project objectives are:

- To augment the supply of industrial land for Mortlake based on a demand/supply analysis and suitability assessment of land and to ensure that sufficient land is set aside for industrial use to serve the long term employment needs of Mortlake up to the year 2050.
- Set a clear direction for where future industrial land should be located and ensure that land use conflicts are minimised.
- Identify areas for future industrial development to enable them to be protected from development, which could compromise the ability to cater for industrial growth and undertake infrastructure planning.
- Ensure that opportunities for industrial development and associated employment are not lost due to a lack of availability of appropriately zoned, serviced and located land.
- To provide adequate industrial land to generate local employment, which will provide flow-on benefits to the local economy through supply chain linkages and the flow on benefit of local employment.

### Consultation

Consultation will occur during the Project. It is envisaged there will be targeted industrial and business consultation to develop the supply and demand analysis and with landowners of existing industrial land, industrial premises and neighbours.

General community consultation will occur once a strategy has been devised.

An outcome of the project is a planning scheme amendment and there is mandatory consultation during the amendment process.

### Financial Implications

The project is fully funded and has a value of \$105,000.

**Risk**

The project scope requires that the project be evidence based. As such, risk to Council of embarking on this project should be minimal.

**Conclusion**

The recent development of the Western Victorian Livestock Exchange (WVLX) saleyards, and the development of wind farms in the region, it is an opportune time to augment the supply of industrial land at Mortlake.

This project will build on the finding and recommendations of the Moyne Economic Development Strategy.

Further update reports will be provided to Council as the project progresses.





## 6. Petition - Albert Road, Port Fairy

**Presented to** Council Meeting – 26 February 2019

Presented by Director Physical Services

Report Author Director Physical Services

Attachment Petition – received 10 January

### Officer's Recommendation

**That Council receive the Petition in relation to improvements to Albert Road, Port Fairy and request a further report regarding options for improvements to Albert Road, Port Fairy at a future meeting.**

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### Synopsis

This report relates to the Petition received by Council on 10 January 2019 which is signed by 46 citizens.

The Petition requests Council to consider improvements to Albert Road in Port Fairy.

Council's Local Law (meeting procedures), requires the petition to be received by Council.

### Background

Residents of Albert Road submitted a Petition to Council in 2010.

The response from Council at the time indicated that traffic counts warranted widening of the road to 6.2 metres and that the works would be added to the 10 year works program.

It appears that the improvements are yet to be added to the program and as such, the residents of Albert Road have submitted another petition requesting improvements to the road be considered.

### Strategic Link

The petition needs to be managed in accordance with Councils Local Law (meeting procedures)

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### **Discussion**

Council's Local Law (Meeting Procedures) does not allow a motion to be made regarding the petition until the following ordinary meeting of Council unless Council determines that it is a matter of urgent business.

Council Officers will research the issue further and provide a detailed report to a future meeting of Council with a recommended response to the petition.

### **Consultation**

Presentation of petition.

### **Financial Implications**

Any improvements to Albert Road, Port Fairy will be subject to a budget process of Council.

### **Risk**

There is no perceived risk for Council in receiving the petition.

### **Conclusion**

Moyne Shire has recently received a petition from 46 citizens requesting Council consider improvements to Albert Road in Port Fairy.

In accordance with Council's Local Law (meeting procedures) the petition is to be received by Council.

The issue will be further considered in a separate report to Council.

## 7. Policy Review – PS-16 Construction and Sealing of Unsealed Roads

**Presented to Council Meeting - 26 February 2019**

Presented by Director of Physical Services

Report Author Director of Physical Services

Attachments 1. Draft Policy PS-16 Construction and Sealing of Unsealed Roads  
2. Former Policy PS-Y1 Construction of Unsealed Roads

### Officer's Recommendation

**That Council adopt the revised policy for the Construction and Sealing of Unsealed Roads PS-16.**

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### Synopsis

This report outlines a revised policy for the construction and sealing of unsealed roads.

A proposed new policy was presented to the Council meeting in November 2018.

Councillors requested a revised policy with an option for a Council contribution in line with Community benefit.

The attached policy is similar to the construction of the footpath policy which provides Council some flexibility in contributing to the construction and sealing of an unsealed road by way of a special purpose charge scheme.

### Background

Council Officers have reviewed the previous Council policy for the sealing of unsealed roads as part of the regular review of Council policies.

A revised policy is presented to Council.

### Strategic Link

The policy review is in accordance with the 4 year cyclic review of Council policies.

## **Discussion**

The policy has been reviewed.

It has been converted to the new policy format.

The policy title has been amended to better reflect the requirements of bringing an unsealed road up to a sealed road standard.

A vehicle count requirement has been added to the criteria and the policy now references Council's Infrastructure Design Manual.

A procedure of how a request will be managed is also included in the policy.

The new policy provides for an opportunity for Council to contribute to the construction and sealing of an unsealed road when Council believes there is a community benefit to be gained. Option 2 also includes a process for assessment.

## **Consultation**

Nil.

## **Financial Implications**

Financial implications will be assessed on a case by case basis when Council considers a request for the construction and sealing of an unsealed road.

As a guide, maintenance of a 1 kilometre x 4 metre wide gravel road in a township area will cost approximately \$5,000 per year (5-6 grades) and a re-sheet every 5 years at a cost of \$10,000 (\$2,000 per year). The average annual maintenance cost therefore is \$7,000.

For a sealed road the maintenance cost each year will be \$500 per year (potholing and general maintenance) and a reseal every 12 years at a cost of \$20,000 (\$1,666 per year). The average annual maintenance cost is \$2,166 per year.

The sealed section of road will also need to be constructed at a cost of \$160,000 and rehabilitated approximately every 40 years at a cost of around \$160,000 (\$4,000 per year). This equates to \$8,000 per year for the first 40 years.

In summary, a 1km x 4m unsealed road will cost \$7,000 per year as against converting it to a sealed road at a cost of \$10,166 per year.

### **Risk**

The policy will assist in managing risks and community expectation associated with the consideration of constructing and sealing an unsealed road.

### **Conclusion**

The revised policy for the Construction and Sealing of an Unsealed road is presented to Council.

The policy is presented in the new policy format and includes further clarification as to when Council will consider the construction and sealing on an unsealed road and a contribution of up to 50% of the costs depending on the level of community benefit.



## 8. Rural Access Program

**Presented to Council Meeting - 26 February 2019**

Presented by Director Physical Services

Report Author Manager Recreation & Community Development

Attachment(s) Rural Access Program

### Officer's Recommendation

**That Council note the cessation of funding of the Rural Access Program and endorse exploring the potential to fund a shared Access service for consideration in the 2019-2020 Council operations budget.**

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### Synopsis

The Rural Access Program supports rural and regional communities to plan and develop strategies, which will increase participation opportunities for people with disability.

The State Government, through the Department of Health and Human Services has funded the program since 2000.

Locally the program has been auspiced by Warrnambool City Council and also covers Corangamite and Moyne Shires.

Funding for the Rural Access Program will cease on 30 June 2019.

A number of community access and inclusion initiatives will cease.

Internally Council will have a reduced capacity to respond to access and inclusion issues.

Council is being asked to consider whether they wish to investigate a shared service option with Warrnambool City Council and Corangamite Shire.

### Background

Commencing in 2000 as a pilot initiative, the Rural Access Program was rolled out in 2001 across regional Victoria with workers based primarily in Local Government Authorities. Based on the success of Rural Access, the program was then extended to metropolitan councils. Together, Rural Access, Metro Access and Deaf Access form the Building Inclusive Communities (BIC) program, funded by the State Government through the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Rural Access Program supports rural and regional communities to plan and develop strategies, which will increase participation opportunities for people with disability. Warrnambool City Council is the local auspice of the program, with two full-time officers employed to work in Warrnambool and across Corangamite and Moyne Shires.

Since its inception, Rural Access has been instrumental in changing the way that communities respond to people with disability, with many hundreds of local community projects developed across the full range of community infrastructure. These projects include transport initiatives, improvements to the built environment, arts and cultural development programs, and a range of other work across the areas of education, health, youth, community awareness and sport and recreation.

The local Rural Access Program has been involved with approximately 25 major projects each year, covering a diverse range of activities including self-advocacy, prevention of violence against women with disability, sport and recreation, inclusive events, inclusive businesses, community awareness, the built environment, accessible tourism, education, employment, health and wellbeing, and accessible information. Rural Access has developed positive working relationships with all Council branches and with many community groups, organisations, clubs and businesses. The attached Program Outcomes Report provides more detail about the breadth of Rural Access projects.

The Rural Access Program funding will cease on 30 June 2019.

### Strategic Link

This report is supported by the 2017-2021 Council Plan strategies:

*“Providing accessible and sustainable facilities; and providing activities for people of all ages and abilities.”*

### Discussion

With the funding for the BIC program ceasing on 30 June 2019, Council will have a reduced capacity to respond to access and inclusion issues and identified community needs. Without the support of the Rural Access program, a number of community access and inclusion initiatives and projects will cease and others may be at risk of not continuing.



Council officers must be aware of disability legislation affecting daily operations such as asset construction, event management or social engagement. Utilising the proficient expertise of the Rural Access Officer can avert potential inefficiencies when delivering a project whilst ensuring consideration to equity and dignity for the recipient. In an environment that is often pushed to deliver with limited resource, the expert eye of the Rural Access Officer provides a safeguard in the delivery of projects that are accessible to everyone.

Program evaluation reports, together with feedback from project partners, people with disability, families and carers, have identified that the Rural Access program has been a key change agent for strengthening communities and enhancing the access and inclusion of people with disability. Maintaining an Access focus within Moyne Shire is important for providing professional advice, targeted training and additional services for the community.

### **Consultation**

Discussion regarding a proposed shared service with Warrnambool City Council and Corangamite Shire has raised interest from both organisations, with a view to preparing a draft Position Description and employment proposal for consideration.

### **Financial Implications**

Moyne Shire has no budget allocation to continue Access services after June 2019 when the State Government discontinue the Rural Access Program funding.

Shared service costs between Moyne and Corangamite Shires and Warrnambool City are not scoped. A full proposal, including cost and responsibilities will be presented to Council for consideration as part of the 2019-2020 budget process.

It is likely however, that Moyne Shire's contribution will be in excess of \$25,000 per annum (i.e. 25% of a full time position plus incidental costs).

### **Risk**

Loss of specific access and inclusion expertise may result in legislative breaches.

## Conclusion

Equitable access for all people is a challenge but empowering an organisation with strong expertise helps to meet the challenge.

The Rural Access Program has provided some significant benefit to the three participating Councils in the region. With the State Government withdrawing from funding the service, a shared service funded by the three participating Councils is an option worthy of consideration.

Council is now being asked to endorse the investigation of a shared service arrangement with Warrnambool City Council and Corangamite Shire Council.

## 9(a) Mayor's Report

This report provides information to Council in regard to the Mayor's meeting schedule, 12 January 2019 to 15 February 2019:

<b>2019</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Function</b>
12 January	Purnim	Opening of Pavilion Verandah (Recreation Reserve)
15 January	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
16 January	Port Fairy	Press conference with Wotif CEO Daniel Finch
22 January	Mortlake	Council meeting
25 January	Port Fairy	Australia Day Ambassador Dinner
26 January	Hawkesdale	Australia Day celebrations and Award presentations
31 January	Port Fairy	Meeting with Mt Fyans Anti-Wind Farm Group
1 February	Woolsthorpe	Woolsthorpe Wind Farm CEC Meeting
1 February	Warrnambool	Meeting with Andy Meddick (Member for Western Victoria)
2 February	Warrnambool	Warrnambool Legacy Handover Dinner
3 February	Warrnambool	Warrnambool Legacy Breakfast
5 February	Mortlake	Councillor Workshop and Capital Works presentations, (Community Groups)
6 February	Port Fairy	Official opening of Commonwealth Sheepdog Trials
12-13 February	Canberra	Federal Government Advocacy (Great South Coast)
15 February	Portland	Great South Coast Board Meeting
15 February	Portland	MAV Strategic Planning meeting

## 9(b) Councillors' Report

This report provides information to Council in regard to the Councillors' meeting schedules, 12 January 2019 to 15 February 2019:

<b>2019</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Function</b>
12 January	Purnim	Opening of Pavilion Verandah (Recreation Reserve)
15 January	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
16 January	Mortlake	Mortlake South Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee (CEC) meeting
22 January	Mortlake	Council meeting
23 January	Mortlake	Economic Development Strategy – Project Control Group meeting
25 January	Port Fairy	Australia Day Ambassador Dinner
26 January	Hawkesdale	Australia Day celebrations and Award presentations
29 January	Mortlake	Mortlake Recreation Reserve Committee of Management meeting
30 January	Port Fairy	Port Fairy Streetscape Committee meeting
1 February	Warrnambool	Meeting with Andy Meddick (Member for Western Victoria)
1 February	Woolsthorpe	Woolsthorpe Wind Farm CEC Meeting
5 February	Mortlake	Councillor Workshop and Capital Works presentations, (Community Groups)
6 February	Woorndoo	Dundonnell Wind Farm CEC meeting
7 February	Mailors Flat	Mailors Flat Hall AGM
7 February	Melbourne	Timber Towns Victoria Meeting
9 February	Port Fairy	Official opening of Port Fairy Jazz Festival
11 February	Mortlake	Mortlake Community Development Committee meeting
12 February	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
12 February	Port Fairy	Belfast Aquatics meeting
13 February	Allansford	Sungold Field Days judging
13 February	Warrnambool	Youth Achievers Awards presentation night
15 February	Portland	MAV Strategic Planning meeting

### 9(c) Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Report

This report provides information to Council in regard to the CEO's' meeting schedules, 12 January 2019 to 15 February 2019:

2019	Location	Function
12 January	Purnim	Opening of Pavilion Verandah (Recreation Reserve)
14 January	Port Fairy	Meeting with Brett Davis, Victorian Planning Authority
15 January	Port Fairy	Quarterly meeting with Ross Martin, Dept Environment, Land Water and Planning
15 January	Port Fairy	Meeting with Daniel Finch, CEO <i>Wotif</i>
23 January	Port Fairy	Meeting with Nathan Bibby
23 January	Port Fairy	Meeting with Cr Kylie Gaston & Jackie Bowe (Great South Coast Integrated Water)
25 January	Port Fairy	Meeting with David Downie, South West Economic Futures Project
30 January	Port Fairy	Meeting with Moyne Health Services CEO Jackie Kelly
1 February	Warrnambool	Great South Coast CEOs meeting
1 February	Warrnambool	Meeting with Andy Meddick (Member for Western Victoria)
4 February	Camperdown	Barwon South West Renewable Energy Roadmap Senior Leadership Group Inception Meeting
6 February	Port Fairy	Meeting with Julia Ogdin, CEO Terang & Mortlake Health Service
7 February	Warrnambool	Regional Leaders Meeting
7 February	Warrnambool	Great South Coast Integrated Water Management Forum
7 February	Warrnambool	'The Ideas Place' launch
12-13 February	Canberra	Federal Government Advocacy (Great South Coast)
15 February	Portland	Great South Coast Board Meeting
15 February	Portland	MAV Strategic Planning meeting



## **10. Councillor Notice of Motion – Cr Parker Settlers Run Project, Mortlake**

### **Councillors Motion**

**That Moyne Shire Council write a letter giving in principle support for the Settlers Run project proposed for Mortlake.**

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### **Notes:**

An outline of the project has been presented to Council.

The project will provide employment throughout its development.

On completion of the project Mortlake will have a nationally significant memorial that will attract tourists to the town.





## **11. General Matters**

None detailed at time of printing.

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## 12. Urgent Business

None detailed at time of printing.

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### **13. CEO Activities Report**

Please see attached document.

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