



Ararat Rural City

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 31 May 2022

To be held in the Council Chambers, Shire Offices
(Livestreamed)

Commencing at 6.00pm

Council:

Cr Jo Armstrong (Mayor)

Cr Gwenda Allgood

Cr Rob Armstrong

Cr Peter Beales

Cr Henry Burridge

Cr Bob Sanders

Cr Bill Waterston



Ararat Rural City

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SECTION 1 – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 LIVE STREAMING

Council is keen to engage with members of the community and live streams the formal Council Meetings to make them accessible. The stream is available to view on Council's Facebook page from 6pm and on Council's website following the Council Meeting.

1.2 TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/OPENING PRAYER/COUNCILLORS PLEDGE

Traditional acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we humbly ask you to help us, as elected Councillors of the Ararat Rural City Council. Guide our deliberations. Prosper what is your will for us, to your honour and glory and for the welfare and benefit of the people whom we serve in the Ararat Rural City.

Councillors Pledge

We will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions invested in us under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of our skill and judgement.

1.3 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION (if required)

That the apology of Cr be accepted.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 April 2022 be confirmed.

1.5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A Councillor who has a conflict of interest in a matter being considered at a *Council meeting* at which he or she:

- 1 is present must disclose that conflict of interest by explaining the nature of the conflict of interest to those present at the *Council meeting* immediately before the matter is considered; or
- 2 intends to be present must disclose that conflict of interest by providing to the *Chief Executive Officer* before the *Council meeting* commences a written notice:
 - (a) advising of the conflict of interest;
 - (b) explaining the nature of the conflict of interest; and
 - (c) detailing, if the nature of the conflict of interest involves a Councillor's relationship with or a gift from another person, the:
 - name of the other person;
 - nature of the relationship with that other person or the date of receipt, value and type of gift received from the other person; and
 - nature of that other person's interest in the matter,and then immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting announcing to those present that he or she has a conflict of interest and that a written notice has been given to the *Chief Executive Officer* under this sub-Rule.

The Councillor must, in either event, leave the *Council meeting* immediately after giving the explanation or making the announcement (as the case may be) and not return to the meeting until after the matter has been disposed of.

SECTION 2 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2.1 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

- 1 Unless *Council* determines to consider it as an item of urgent business, no motion (other than a motion to receive the same) may be made on any petition, joint letter, memorial or other like application until the next *Council meeting* after that at which it has been presented.
- 2 It is incumbent on every Councillor presenting a petition or joint letter to acquaint himself or herself with the contents of that petition or joint letter, and to ascertain that it does not contain language disrespectful to *Council*.
- 3 Every Councillor presenting a petition or joint letter to *Council* must:
 - write or otherwise record his or her name at the beginning of the petition or joint letter; and
 - confine himself or herself to a statement of the persons from whom it comes, the number of signatories to it, the material matters expressed in it and the text of the prayer or request.
- 4 Every petition or joint letter presented to *Council* must be in *writing* (other than pencil), typing or printing, contain the request of the petitioners or signatories and be signed by at least 12 people.
- 5 Every petition or joint letter must be signed by the persons whose names are appended to it by their names or marks, and, except in cases of incapacity or sickness, by no one else and the address of every petitioner or signatory must be clearly stated.
- 6 Any signature appearing on a page which does not bear the text of the whole of the petition or request may not be considered by *Council*.
- 7 Every page of a petition or joint letter must be a single page of paper and not be posted, stapled, pinned or otherwise affixed or attached to any piece of paper other than another page of the petition or joint letter.
- 8 If a petition, joint letter, memorial or other like application relates to an operational matter, *Council* must refer it to the *Chief Executive Officer* for consideration.

SECTION 3 – REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION

3.1 DRAFT KERBSIDE RESOURCE RECOVERY POLICY

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING, COMMUNITY AND COMPLIANCE
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING, COMMUNITY AND COMPLIANCE
REFERENCE: 5469

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a draft policy to guide the implementation of the new kerbside waste collection service.

DISCUSSION

Council adopted its *Waste Management Strategy* in early 2021 to guide the planning, procurement and provision of waste and resource recovery services. This document sought to operationalise the changes required to waste and resource management by the State and Federal Governments following on from worldwide changes in the recycling sector since 2018.

Council is working towards the implementation of additional collections of glass and organic material in mid-2022. As part of these changes the following actions will occur:

- An “all in” residential collection service for rural residents for waste, recyclables and glass (the 3-bin system).
- Residents of the town area and villages will have a 4-bin system with the addition of an organics bin to the 3 bins provided to rural residents.
- New bins will be delivered to all households throughout June and old bins re-processed into new materials.
- Council will crush the glass recovered from the monthly collection and re-use this as glass sand or pass it on for others to re-use, noting there is a growing demand for reprocessed materials in state and federally funded projects.
- Council will have organic matter collected processed into compost.
- Recycling materials will continue to be sorted in the region and processed in established state facilities.
- Waste materials collected will continue to be disposed of locally at Stawell.

It is hoped that with the efforts of residents that the materials recovered and reused will increase from less than 30% of the annual tonnage to more than 70%. The implementation of the new bin system, collection and re-processing arrangements are expected to see the overall waste collected drop from around 3,000 tonnes per year to less than 1,300 tonnes annually with this shift due to:

1. Better sorting and clearer information on what materials go in which bin at the household level; and
2. Collection of separated materials being easier to manage at the community level.

Reduction in the material going to landfill in the red-lid bin will save all ratepayers as landfill attracts both a disposal charge and a state levy that is set to continue to rise.

By processing materials locally and in the region, as well as re-using some of the materials locally, there are a suite of benefits for all including:

- additional employment
- local control and therefore less reliance on the international market
- less truck movements moving materials and less fuel use.

Historically the terms of the collection service have been managed by processes and actions that were not clearly documented and available to people in the community. This also left room for inconsistent decision making. The draft policy seeks to fill these voids and provide an agreed position for service delivery.

Given that the waste and resource management area is the most substantial annual operating cost to Council it is important that such agreement is reached.

We know from the survey of almost 300 residents in 2020 that the kerbside collection service is an important part of what we do and that 6 in 10 people are satisfied with the service. The issues raised for improvement included the provision of a green bin for garden and food waste and greater access to recycling services in villages and rural areas. These improvements are part of the new service proposed.

Figure 7 **How important is the Council wheelie bin collection service to you?**

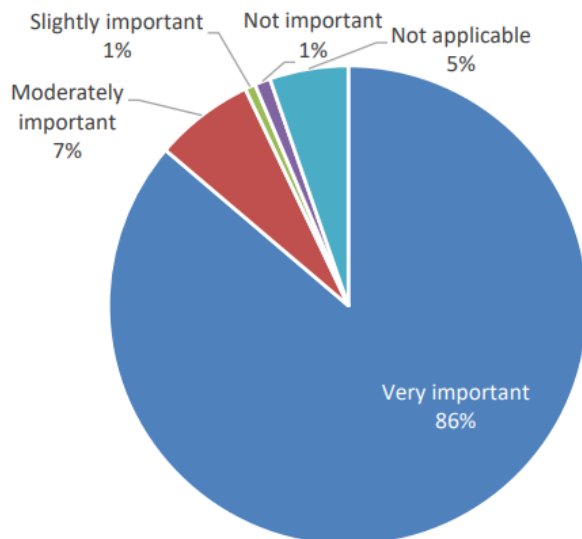
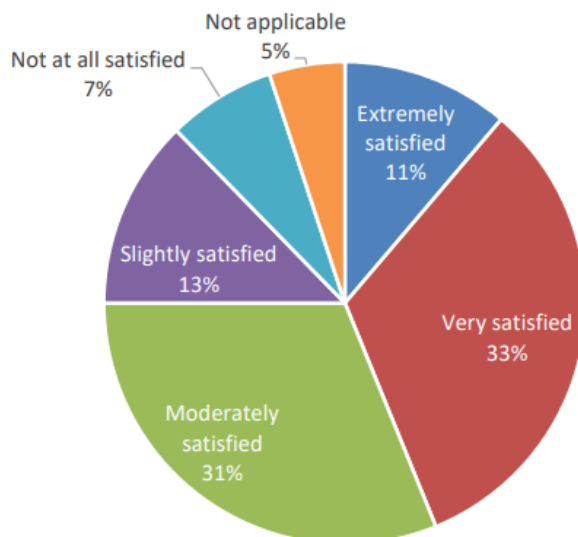


Figure 8 **How would you rate your satisfaction with the service?**



It is also important to recognise that incorrect use of the service costs the whole community additional money as well as reducing the recovery of materials and reducing worker safety as we move to the new system. For this reason, the draft policy proposes a 3-strike policy, where information is provided to help a household do the right thing, together with the penalty of bin removal where compliance is not achieved.

In February 2020 the Victorian Government released *Recycling Victoria: A new economy* (Recycling Victoria), a policy and 10-year action plan to establish a circular economy in the state. A circular economy seeks to gain more productive use from natural resources, minimising the environmental impacts of production and consumption. This sees continual reuse and recycling of materials, reducing the need for the extraction of virgin materials and the amount of waste disposed to landfill.

The Recycling Victoria policy defines four targets to achieve a circular economy:

- divert 80% of waste from landfill by 2030 (with an interim target of 72% by 2025). To achieve this target the state is mandating the implementation of 4 kerbside bins for all households to separate waste, paper/card/metal, organics and glass or the adoption of an alternative separation system in rural areas to increase recovery of these materials.
- cut total waste generation by 15% per capita by 2030.
- halve the volume of organic materials going to landfill between 2020-2030 (with an interim target of 20% reduction by 2025).
- ensure every household has access to food and organic waste recycling or local composting by 2030.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

The policy also assists in achieving the Council Plan 2021-2025 objectives to:

3. Preserving our Environment

We will take pragmatic approaches to ensuring that Ararat Rural City Council takes a regional lead in responsible environmental management and engagement with the circular economy.

3.1 *Position Ararat Rural City Council as a prime mover in driving circular economy policy in waste management, including local processing and management of recyclables, and in use of renewable energy for Council purposes.*

Development and implementation of the *Kerbside Resource Recovery Policy* advances the *Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2020* objectives and strategies.

Budget Implications

The waste management activity is the most expensive single service annually to Council. Opportunities to reduce the exposure to future service cost changes are critical for responsible governance and financial management.

Costings for service changes need to be considered against the other known or likely cost increases – for example whilst a 4 bin system increases the number of trucks pulling to the kerb of each serviced household per month from 6 to 9, moving materials out of the red lidded waste bin into other bins will save waste disposal costs as the state landfill levy increases and the cost to build new landfill cells continues to rise.

Similarly processing the food and garden waste in a green bin is typically at least 20% cheaper than landfilling it and returns the compost to farms and parkland as a soil conditioner, rather than generating greenhouse gas which in rural landfills is often expensive and difficult to capture and use.

Policy/Relevant Law

The proposed service changes are consistent with the national and state legislative requirements. The form of the state controls and the consequences for non-compliance with either or both is not yet known.

Sustainability Implications

The collection, reprocessing and disposal of waste has economic and environmental impacts as outlined above. At a social level there is an expectation that local government will act in a responsible manner and provide the tools to the households and business to benefit current and future generations.

Assessing the current performance of this service has highlighted the poor performance in this space and the steps that will move the Council to providing effective service delivery in this sector.

Risk Assessment

The policy itself seeks to mitigate the risk of inconsistent application of the service and defines what users can expect in the operations of the Council.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

In implementing each action and changes to the service, Council is seeking to meet both the community expectation for better service and the state obligation for improved recovery of materials that can be re-used. Achieving the state and national targets for waste diversion will require us all to work together. We have shown as a community in the last 2 years our ability and strength to make changes in times of transition and it is hoped these skills will again be evident as the program rolls out.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

In developing the proposed changes community input has already been undertaken to understand how the state policy direction reflects the needs of residents and business operators through the development and consultation on the *Waste Management Strategy*.

The development of the policy provides another opportunity to test the approach with the community through a community engagement process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the *Draft Kerbside Resource Recovery Policy* for consultation purposes and review the feedback at the July 2022 Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1 *Draft Kerbside Resource Recovery Policy*

3.2 VALUATIONS POLICY – MAJOR ASSET CLASSES

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: ACCOUNTANT
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 5464

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Valuations Policy – Major Asset Classes has been created to outline the valuation approach taken to value major asset classes including roads, bridges, pathways, buildings, kerb and culverts.

This policy is presented to Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION

Ararat Rural City Council has a responsibility to financially represent its network of assets to fair value. This policy outlines the valuation approach taken to value major asset classes including roads, bridges, pathways, buildings, kerb and culverts.

The purpose of the policy is to bring transparency to the methods in which asset valuations are conducted by Ararat Rural City Council. No significant changes to asset valuation methods have been proposed by this policy than those used for 2021/2022 asset valuations.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

- 4 *Developing and Maintaining Key Enabling Infrastructure.*
- 4.1 *Ensure that asset development and renewal during the planning period matches that identified in Council's Asset Plan 2021-2031.*
- 4.2 *Work directly with asset users to manage and develop new and existing assets.*
- 4.3 *Deliver infrastructure outcomes that support economic growth, promote community wellbeing and safety, and align with Council's financial sustainability.*
- 6 *Strong and Effective Governance*

Budget Implications

No budget allocation is required for the establishment of the Valuations Policy – Major Asset Classes, as the policy was created in-house.

Policy/Relevant Law

Legislative requirements which Council must comply with include:

- The Local Government Act 1989, Section 131 provides that Council must prepare Financial Statements in accordance with the Act.
- Australian Accounting Standards Board [AASB] 2010, AASB 101 Presentation of financial statements

Sustainability Implications

There are no economic, social or environmental implications in relation to establishing the Valuations Policy – Major Asset Classes.

Risk Assessment

The development of the Valuations Policy – Major Asset Classes will address the audit and public perception risks associated with the lack of perceived transparency in Council’s methods of fairly valuing asset base of major asset classes. This policy brings clarity and surety to consistent process undertaken annually in the asset valuation.

Stakeholder Consultation and Communication

The Chief Executive Officer will ensure that all Councillors and Officers have access to the policy once adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Valuations Policy – Major Asset Classes.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Valuations Policy – Major Asset Classes.

3.3 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017-2021 YEAR 4 REVIEW
DRAFT DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022-2026

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING, COMMUNITY & COMPLIANCE
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING, COMMUNITY & COMPLIANCE
REFERENCE: 5470

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to review the final year's performance of the *Domestic Animal Management Plan* (DAMP) and present a draft new plan for the coming four years.

DISCUSSION

Council is required to undertake an annual review of this document, with the current review overdue from 31 December 2021. Our Council, like many others, have received an extension of time to prepare this review until 31 July 2022.

The review report is provided to Council for its consideration. Key achievements over the last 4 years have been:

Adoption successes which have been enhanced by social media advertising and connection of animals with owners during 2 years of COVID.

- Interactions/communication with the community and empathy over the last 2 years.
- Training for members of the team in the field and improve performance.
- Improved work with internal departments to streamline activities.

These outcomes as well as the metrics of registrations, impounding, declarations and euthanasia are provided in the Year 4 report on the DAMP 2017-2021.

The new Domestic Animal Management Plan for 2022-2026 has now been drafted. The new plan has a simpler format with key performance indicators that tie to existing state reporting and focuses the actions of the team on key elements of the service.

It also defines more clearly the process Council will use in dealing with animals with no discernable owner or pets that have been handed in. It proposes that Council will continue to subsidise the re-homing of lost or unwanted pets where possible, though the rate of subsidy will be reduced to reflect more accurately the cost of preparing an animal for placement (the registration, sterilization and immunisation costs). This will still see the cost of acquiring a pound pet below cost of purchasing a registered breed, reflecting that animals from the pound may be of varying ages and pedigrees. Temperament checking remains a primary consideration prior to the rehoming of any incoming animal.

A review of alternative pet sources found that the fee for dog adoptions was on average more than 4 times the current Council cost of \$100 and similarly cat adoption fees we 2.25 to 4 times the current fee of \$50. It is proposed that there be some further work done on this issue and a report prepared for Council in September 2022. Buying a specific pedigree breed of cat or dog is a significantly different decision, both in terms of cost and availability, with households paying thousands of dollars and waiting up to 18 months for an animal.

In developing the new DAMP it is also proposed that there be a review of the animal registration costs in readiness for the 2023 animal renewal. The current cost does not seem to have been benchmarked or cross-checked to the cost-of-service provision in the last 10 years. The goal will be to make the pound operations cost neutral – with after-hours service, which is a mix of business covered in part by the registration. A report on this work is proposed to go to Council in November 2022 with a decision then made to set and promote the new fee prior to the registration for 2023/2024 being issued (Note: animal registration runs on a specific date range of 10 April to 9 April the following year under legislation).

In the 2022/2023 financial year it is also proposed to review the cost of pound fees for animals retained to ensure that these costs reflect the true service cost.

Within the life of the plan a review of the suitability of the pound and the implementation of arrangements for the retention of animals for more than a short stay specified in the legislation will be developed. This work is not critical at this time, but ensures we continue to plan for providing a quality service to our community and their pets.

Clarity about the value of animal registration is also not provided in the current document. Currently a registered animal is usually returned free of charge. This saves the owner, not only the pound fee and fine for this roaming, but time and household stress out looking for a furry friend. Traditionally this approach is not promoted, under some expectation that it will reduce people's care and attention. However, this is a lost opportunity to tell the good news that animal registration pays a real dividend in the same way people may hold insurance or have a car breakdown policy to avoid the inevitable negative consequences of such events.

On a practical level the document has also been revised to reflect the new *Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2022* and provide better clarity about the legal framework of animal legislation and the planning scheme.

Community Engagement Process:

In line with the Act and Council's Community Engagement Policy, Council is required to publish its intention to adopt the new *Domestic Animal Management Plan*.

A community engagement campaign is proposed to be carried out from 3 June 2022 to 4 July 2022. Submissions will be invited via *Engage Ararat*.

The Draft document will also be promoted on social media, on Council's website and in the Council's Rural City Focus page.

Input from agencies such as AgVictoria, RSPCA and our animal rescue partners will also be invited.

Following public exhibition any submissions will be reported back to Council's July 2022 meeting, together with proposed amendments to the document, as needed, allowing for the new document to be lodged with the state government before 31 July 2022 deadline.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

6. *Strong and Effective Governance*

We will work hard to build models of governance that place delivering public value at the centre through effective financial management, well measured risk management and implementation of effective community engagement practices.

Budget Implications

The Animal Management function currently nets Council around \$148,000 per year. However, the current accounting process does not apportion staff costs to this function. Based on workload in this space, with staff expenses the unit functions on a break-even amount. The goal of the proposed changes to fees and charges

is not to significantly change this cost, but to bring better equity into the fees and charges applied and ensure that the service is self-sustaining.

Policy/Relevant Law

Under Clause 68A (3) the Domestic Animals Act 1994 the Council is required to:

- a. *review its domestic animal management plan annually and, if appropriate, amend the plan; and*
- b. *provide the Secretary with a copy of the plan and any amendments to the plan; and*
- c. *publish an evaluation of its implementation of the plan in its annual report.*

This report on the Year 4 of the DAMP 2017-2021 is prepared in response to this requirement.

Under sub-section (1) of the same clause the Council is required to:

prepare a domestic animal management plan on 4 December 2021 and at the end of each period of 4 years after that day.

The Council has an extension to this due date to 31 July 2022 for the preparation of the new DAMP.

Sustainability Implications

Managing domestic pets enhances the quality of life for flora and fauna as well as the health and wellbeing of pet owners.

Risk Assessment

The DAMP seeks to provide a framework for managing legal responsibilities associated with pet ownership and Council's role in this process.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

The new DAMP is proposed to have a public exhibition period from 3 June 2022 to 4 July 2022, with the community and partner agencies being invited to have input.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1 *Adopts the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021 Year 4 Review;*
- 2 *Adopts the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-2026 for consultation purposes and input be sought from the community between 3 June 2022 to 4 July 2022; and*
- 3 *Present any submissions received and proposed amendments to the document, to the July 2022 Council Meeting.*

ATTACHMENTS

Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021 Year 4 Review is provided as Attachment 3.3.1

Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-2026 is provided as Attachment 3.3.2

3.4 ARARAT FITNESS CENTRE UPGRADE WORKS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 5478

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Works to install improved drainage and ventilation, a new basketball court floor and a new sprung gymnastics floor will be undertaken at the Ararat Fitness Centre during June 2022. These works are critical to ensure ongoing user safety, structural integrity of the Centre building and to replace aged infrastructure.

The key works replace a basketball court floor that was laid in 2019, that has been impacted adversely by poor sub floor drainage and ventilation. The gymnastics floor has been in place for over twenty years and has been impacted by termite attack and moisture.

The drainage and ventilation works are based on a consulting structural engineer's recommendation and will be implemented under engineering supervision by Council's Operations team.

The costings for the work to be undertaken are provided below:

- Basketball Court floor Installation \$123,000
- Gymnastics spring-loaded floor installation \$22,350
- Drainage, ventilation and demolition works will be undertaken by the Council Operations at an estimate of \$38,000

It is proposed that this work be funded from the Building Capital Reserve.

DISCUSSION

There is a need to renew elements of the basketball court and the sprung gymnastics floor at the Ararat Fitness Centre. Unfortunately, the basketball floor has only been in place for three years and has been problematic since it was first installed. The floor is showing "cupping" of timber elements rendering it unsuitable for use. Structural engineering reports identify that the failure of the flooring relates to drainage and ventilation problems at the site.

These drainage and ventilation issues will be remediated through works undertaken by Council's Operations team based on advice from consulting structural engineers. These works are aimed at improving external surface water runoff and moisture control below the floor. This will be achieved through installation of diversion structures such as garden edgings and grated drainage.

In order to improve ventilation mechanical ventilation system will be installed in the front and western side of the centre. These approaches will facilitate removal of excess water, that is currently retained, improving subfloor ventilation and moisture profile underneath the basketball court. These works will be completed from existing maintenance budget sources.

Council has engaged Ace Flooring to undertake works to replace the existing floor. Ace Flooring are very experienced basketball court installers and have a very strong reputation in the industry. Demolition of the existing floor will be undertaken by Council staff. Any salvageable timber from the old floor will be made available to local woodworking groups and Men's Shed for their use.

Works will commence in June 2022 and the basketball courts will not be available during this time for public or competition use. The Ararat Basketball Association have been very accommodating and managed their season around the flooring replacement works.

The existing gymnastics flooring has been in place for in excess of twenty years and is in need of replacement with a new sprung floor, due to termite and water damage over time. A full termite treatment was undertaken in 2021. The replacement of the floor will see this area remain safe for future usage by the Gymnastics Association as well as the group fitness classes. These works will be undertaken in June 2022.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

Enhancing Community Life – We will work with the communities of Ararat Rural City to maintain social cohesion, support community activity and cultural life, and enhance safety

Budget Implications

The costings for the work to be undertaken are provided below:

- Basketball Court floor Installation \$123,000
- Gymnastics spring-loaded floor installation \$22,350
- Drainage, ventilation and demolition works will be undertaken by the Council Operations at an estimate of \$38,000

It is proposed that this work be funded from the Building Capital Reserve, which is held to fund works on the Fitness Centre.

Policy/Relevant Law

Council's Procurement Policy

Sustainability Implications

The report details Council's efforts in salvaging timber for use by local community groups.

Risk Assessment

There is a high risk for the safety of the community if Council do not undertake the proposed works, as identified in the structural engineer's report. All contractors engaged in the works will be required to provide a full risk assessment of the works carried out on site.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

The Centre upgrade works will see the community benefit from a safer environment to undertake group activities.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

Council staff have engaged with the Ararat Basketball Association and Ararat Gymnastics Association to provide information relating to the works required to take place. Both organisations have been very supportive and flexible to allow the works to be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION

That

- 1 Council endorse the works to be undertaken at the Ararat Fitness Centre including:
 - Basketball Court floor Installation
 - Gymnastics spring-loaded floor installation
 - Drainage, ventilation and demolition works; and
- 2 The works be funded through the Building Capital Reserve.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments relating to this item.

3.5 ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2022/2023 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO's OFFICE
REFERENCE: 5479

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is recommended that Council endorse a plan for community engagement around the 2022/2023 budget. This will include a number of mechanisms of engagement including:

- use of Engage Ararat
- distribution of plain language budget summaries across the municipality
- face to face "town hall" meetings
- virtual "town hall" meetings
- media posts to encourage community engagement

The process is designed to ensure maximum engagement with key geographic locations and communities of interest across the municipality.

DISCUSSION

Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) requires that Council prepare and adopt a budget for each financial year and the subsequent three financial years by 30 June each year. Section 96 requires that Council undertake community engagement around its budget in a form that is consistent with its Community Engagement Policy.

The following provides a description of the community engagement to be undertaken by Council prior to budget adoption.

Engagement Activity	Timeframe
Posting of Council's 2022/2023 Budget on Engage Ararat	By 5:00pm on Thursday 02 June 2022
Development of a one-page summary of key budget deliverables – available at a number of sites across the municipality	Thursday 02 June 2022
"Town Hall" meetings in the following communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ararat • Elmhurst • Tatyoon • Lake Bolac • Pomonal • Willaura 	Tuesday 14 June – Thursday 16 June 2022
Virtual "Town Hall" meetings via Zoom / Teams	Tuesday 14 June – Thursday 16 June 2022

Promotion of key budget elements across mainstream and social media – requesting feedback via Engage Ararat, email or conventional submission	Thursday 02 June – Friday 24 June 2022
Meet with the Rural Roads Group to discuss road network development between 2022/2023 and 2026/2027.	Wednesday 08 June 2022

The engagement plan aims to ensure multiple channels of feedback on the budget for the community to utilise.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

Council's Budget is a key strategic document that resources delivery of the Council Plan. In particular the Budget 2022/2023 relates to the following:

- 6. Strong and effective governance
- 6.1 Deliver responsible budget outcomes, linked to strategy, that deliver value, innovation and rating fairness.

Budget Implications

There are no significant direct budget implications in

This year's budget is framed in delivering a community dividend for organisation efficiencies. It is proposed that there will be a zero percent rate rise in 2022/2023, which delivers a net zero percent rate rise over the past five budgets. This has been achieved without a decline in service delivery.

Policy/Relevant Law

Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) requires that Council prepare and adopt a budget for each financial year and the subsequent three financial years by 30 June each year. Section 96 requires that Council undertake community engagement around its budget in a form that is consistent with its Community Engagement Policy

Sustainability Implications

N/A

Risk Assessment

There is a need to engage the community in development of the budget and seek their feedback on key elements. The budget needs to align with community expectation, directed through implementation of the Council Plan 2021-2025.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Improving methods and approaches to engaging the community need to be a key consideration for Council. Implementation of the virtual "town hall" meetings, although not necessarily novel or exciting does represent another channel for engaging the community in budget consideration.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

This agenda item relates directly to a process of community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the community engagement plan for the Draft Budget 2022/2023.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments relating to this item.

3.6 GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 5486

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ararat Rural City Council is delivering a major multipurpose redevelopment of the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve. This redevelopment will become one of regional Victoria's premium facilities, enhancing opportunities for underrepresented groups and sporting codes, activating opportunities that have previously not existed.

The project has been made possible due to partnerships with local sporting groups, and both state and federal government.

Council has allocated \$3,100,000 in its 2021/2022 budget. In April 2022 Council awarded the contract for the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Pavilion development. The adoption of this contract places the project at a \$1,662,485 funding shortfall, however, Council has two alternative options to cover this, through either the extension of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure fund or through use of financial reserves.

Council will be advocating a shared financial risk model, between State and Federal funders and local governments, in order to ensure that this key redevelopment is delivered without the entirety of the risk falling on one party.

DISCUSSION

Ararat Rural City Council has developed in partnership with local sporting clubs, AFL Victoria and Football Victoria a major multipurpose redevelopment of the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve. The Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Redevelopment is the most significant building project for Ararat Rural City Council in the coming year.

The development of the precinct is expected to stimulate the local economy, respond to local demand for new participation opportunities and improve diversity and inclusion within disadvantaged communities and underrepresented groups identified in Active Victoria.

The project delivers a new shared use pavilion plus new football (Soccer) playing fields, track and field facilities and adjusted boundaries to the existing AFL oval to meet AFL preferred playing field dimensions and elevate the standard of the Cricket playing field dimension to Open Age Premier/Regional competition standard.

In December 2020, Council was invited to apply to the second round of the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program based on the scope of its initial application in the earlier round. Council found efficiencies and improvements to the initial scope including building one full size FIFA soccer pitch instead of two (with the other pitch now an informal junior pitch); and one standalone shared use pavilion instead of two new pavilions.

The fully costed budget for the project was \$3,100,000. This was based on the best available cost estimates at the time, which were quantity surveyed and verified. Council has allocated \$3,100,000 in its 2021/2022 budget through the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Redevelopment budget which includes funding from:

Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (Victorian State Government)	\$2,550,000
Local Road and Community Infrastructure Fund (Federal Government)	\$400,000
Council	\$150,000
Total	\$3,100,000

Tenders for the construction of the new sports pavilion at the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve were called in October 2021. Tenders were provided by two companies and were all significantly over budget. Alterations were made to the design of the pavilion and select tenders were invited to submit in February 2022. At the April 2022 Council Meeting, Council awarded the contract for the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Pavilion development.

Adoption of this contract places the project at a \$1,662,485 funding shortfall. It is believed that there is scope to make some savings on the civil works relating to the project, along with savings made on lighting contracts, may decrease the shortfall to in the order of \$1,500,000. Council has the capacity to fund this shortfall through an extension of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure fund of \$1,441,358 or through use of financial reserves.

The cost fluctuation is a function of general market instability within the construction sector in the post COVID period. The cost of pavilion construction was significantly greater than that projected through original quantity surveying on the project. Council had no capacity to foresee the cost impacts of a volatile construction market when the project was proposed, costed and funding approved.

This cost impact of a volatile market is not unique to Ararat, nor this particular project, it is being experienced by local governments across Victoria in delivery of jointly funded recreation and sporting projects. This represents a pressure point for local governments delivering significant State and Federal funded projects. All financial risk beyond the point of funding is borne by the local government – this particularly impacts small rural councils such as Ararat Rural City with small budgets and very limited capacity to manage financial risk.

Council is fortunate that tranche 3b of the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund was released prior to the Federal election. This \$1,441,358 could of course be utilised around key road infrastructure projects if it wasn't required for the Gordon Street Recreation Research Redevelopment. A model of shared financial risk, between State and Federal funders and local governments around risk that cannot be reasonably foreseen if something worth advocating for. This is particularly important for small rural Councils in the current volatile construction market. Council is fortunate that tranche 3b of the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund was released prior to the Federal election. Council is committed to deliver the Gordon Street redevelopment to the community and key sporting organisations. It is viewed as a key piece of community infrastructure that will enhance sporting outcomes for women and minority sport across the region.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

4. ***Developing and Maintaining Key Enabling Infrastructure.***
 - 4.1 Ensure Asset development and renewal during the planning period matches that identified in Council's Asset Plan 2021-2031.
 - 4.3 Deliver infrastructure outcomes that support economic growth, promote community wellbeing and safety, and align with Council's financial sustainability.

5. ***Enhancing Community Life***

We will work with the communities of Ararat Rural City to maintain social cohesion, support community activity and cultural life, and enhance safety.

Budget

Funding the additional cost in the project will have a budget impact of around \$1,500,000 which will be funded from tranche 3b of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund or Council financial reserve.

Implications

Policy/Relevant Law

Nil.

Sustainability Implications

Nil.

Risk Assessment

The key risk to manage is the ongoing financial risk of managing a large infrastructure project in a volatile construction market. Advocacy to develop a risk sharing model with government for this project and those undertaken by other small rural council's is essential moving forward.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

There are opportunities for innovation as cost effective mechanisms for delivery of the civil works component of this project are explored. There are also opportunities to explore, with government, opportunities to share financial risk around key infrastructure projects.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

- Internal stakeholder collaboration has occurred through the budget process.
- External stakeholder collaboration has occurred through community consultation through the design process.
- Ongoing project governance meetings through the life of the project with external stakeholders and the funding bodies.
- Council works directly with asset users to manage and develop new and existing assets, ensuring works are completed within the asset plan period of 2021-2031.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1 Endorse the report and approve funding the project deficit through either tranche 3b of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund and/or Council's financial reserves; and
- 2 Advocate with the State Government for a financial risk sharing model for this project that will enable the State Government to jointly fund the unforeseen, unplanned and unavoidable cost overrun.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments in relation to this item.

SECTION 4 – INFORMATION REPORTS

4.1 BUILDING APPROVALS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING, COMMUNITY & COMPLIANCE
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING, COMMUNITY & COMPLIANCE
REFERENCE: 3243

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

DISCUSSION

This report outlines the monthly building permit approvals issued by Ararat Rural City Council and by private building surveyors for building works within Ararat Rural City for April 2022.

Approvals by Ararat Rural City Municipal Building Surveyor April 2022

Permit No.	Application Date	Approval Date	Building Address	Description of Building Works or Use of Building		
Nil						

TOTAL VALUE \$ Nil

Approvals by private surveyors – April 2022

Permit No.	Date Approved	Notification Received by Council	Building Address	Description of Building Works or Use of Building	Surveyor
2866895459292	05/04/2022	05/04/2022	42 Jengarla Court, Ararat	Construction of spa barrier and deck	PROVIC Building Approvals
2149018349866	07/04/2022	30/11/2021	86 High Street, Ararat	Proposed storage shed	VIC Central Building Approvals
7073299235468	08/04/2022	08/04/2022	280 Mount Challicum Road, Ballyrogan	Construction of a farm shed	Southern Building Approval
1642049061096	08/04/2022	28/03/2022	63 Elizabeth Street, Ararat	Water damage rectification works to existing dwelling	Damien Wadsworth and Assoc.
6444860885258	11/04/2022	01/02/2022	2994 Moyston-Dunkeld Road Willaura	Yard Cover	Coast to Country Building Approvals
9458571439095	14/04/2022	21/02/2022	114 Queen Street Ararat	Shed	Coast to Country Building Approvals
7454215220932	14/04/2022	21/03/2022	3 Fishers Creek Close Ararat Vic 3377	Shed/Garage	Coast to Country Building Approvals
7966568149272	19/04/2022	18/04/2022	33 Bellinghams Hill Road, Ararat	Propose swimming pool safety barrier	VIC Central Building Approvals
9476645675676	19/04/2022	18/04/2022	17 Port Fairy Road Ararat	To allow the temporary use as an Ambulance Branch to the existing dwelling	ASPER Pty Ltd
32377913621/0	19/04/2022	21/01/2022	25 Buangor Road Buangor	Dwelling & Attached Garage	Coast to Country Building Approvals
1954499676056	20/04/2022	20/04/2022	23 Laidlaw Street Ararat	Restump of an existing dwelling	Permit Point Building Consultants Pty Ltd
4349794056838	21/04/2022	18/04/2022	1349 Ararat-Halls Gap Road Moyston	Shade Sail Structures X2	Southern Building Approval
7222405730304	21/04/2022	11/02/2022	80 Campbell Street Ararat	Construction of 3 dwellings and garages	PLP Building Surveyors and Consultants Pty Ltd

Permit No.	Date Approved	Notification Received by Council	Building Address	Description of Building Works or Use of Building	Surveyor
8987484942573	21/04/2022	11/02/2022	9 Churchill Avenue Ararat	New Construction of Three Dwellings and Garages	PLP Building Surveyors and Consultants Pty Ltd
9771752548728	21/04/2022	11/02/2022	17 Montgomery Street Ararat	Construction of 2 dwellings	PLP Building Surveyors and Consultants Pty Ltd
4645756428837	26/04/2022	18/03/2022	5395 Mortlake-Ararat Road Lake Bolac	Construction of machinery shed	Coast to Country Building Approvals
5667835572665	27/04/2022	02/05/2022	CA12 Warrayatkin Road Ararat	Farm machinery / storage shed	Coast to Country Building Approvals

TOTAL VALUE \$3,520,462

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

- 2 **Building Robust Local Economies -**
We will develop strong relationships to build and strengthen a diverse local economy, focused on creating jobs and wealth through adding value to existing strengths in agriculture, manufacturing, tourism and hospitality.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Building Approvals Report be received.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments relating to this item.

4.2 PLANNING MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION PLANNING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATION OF SUBDIVISION PLANS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING, COMMUNITY & COMPLIANCE
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING, COMMUNITY & COMPLIANCE
REFERENCE: 3243

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

DISCUSSION

Planning permits, certification of subdivision plans and Statement of Compliances are approved under delegated authority by relevant Council officers each month, where possible. This report outlines the various approvals for Council's information.

Planning permit approvals under delegated authority – April 2022

Application No.	Date Lodged	Date of Delegated Approval / Refusal	Applicant	Location	Proposed Use of Development
VS2022031	21/03/2022	06/04/2022	North West Planning for Molloy	87 Chalambar Road, Ararat	Buildings and works for carport/ pergola within 100m of waterway
VS2022032	28/03/2022	12/04/2022	Graeme McKay for Burrigge	Queen Street South, Ararat	Earthworks
2839/1	16/03/2022	11/04/2022	Milenko Architect Pty Ltd	184 Tunnel Road, Pomonal	Secondary Consent and Extension of Time Issued for Planning Permit Issued
PA3087	14/01/2022	21/04/2022	Neale and Lee Gordon	Granite Sandpit Road, Buangor	Use and development of a dwelling and new shed
PA3091	15/12/2021	26/04/2022	Sudhanshu Goel, e2e Growth Consultants Pty Ltd	41 Queen Street, Ararat	Use and Development of 7 units, 7 Lot Subdivision and Waiver of 8 Car Spaces
PA3101	14/01/2022	07/04/2022	Ararat Survey Pty Ltd for e2eGrowth Consultants	6-8 Dawson Street, Ararat	Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit issued for 4 Lot Subdivision
PA3103	21/01/2022	27/04/2022	TGM Group Pty Ltd - Ballarat	Pomonal Road, Pomonal	3 lot subdivision and new access ways on Transport Zone 2

Application No.	Date Lodged	Date of Delegated Approval / Refusal	Applicant	Location	Proposed Use of Development
PA3108	07/02/2022	07/04/2022	Michael Stapleton, Alindare Pty Ltd	Corner Nott Road and Kennedy Street, Ararat	Use and development for Worker Accommodation - up to 30 people
PA3110	20/02/2022	26/04/2022	Sudhanshu Goel, e2e Growth Consultants Pty Ltd	27 Blake Street, Ararat	Use and Development of a Second Dwelling, Subdivision into 2 Lots and 1.8m front fence facing Fay Street
PA3111	08/03/2022	06/04/2022	Ambulance Victoria	17 Port Fairy Road, Ararat	Use as Temporary ambulance branch for a period of up to 12 months during the re-development of Ararat Ambulance Branch
PA3113	10/03/2020	11/04/2022	Modular Spaces	5 Queen Street South, Ararat	Subdivide into 3 lots and use and development of 3 dwellings each on lots less than 300sqm
PA3116	17/03/2022	20/04/2022	Inception Planning for Child & Family Services	4 Banfield Street, Ararat	Additions and alterations to an office, display of signage and dispensation of car parking
PA3118	24/03/2022	05/05/2022	Angela Plazzer for Ferguson Perry	3 Ash Grove, Ararat	2 lot subdivision
PA3121	30/03/2022	11/04/2022	Tony Dawson for Aussie Lifestyles P/L	40 Moore Street, Ararat	Business Identification Signage on the front and rear of building and pylon sign (0.72sqm)
VS2022033	03/05/2022	06/05/2022	VODA Building Services	79 High Street, Ararat	Building and works to façade, signage replacement and new pylon sign

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Application No.	Applicant	Location	Proposed Use or Development	Status
3048	A Lacey for Peatt	Government Road, Warrak	Use and development of a dwelling	Hearing 30/08/2022

Certification of subdivision plans under delegated authority – April 2022

Application No.	Date Lodged	Date of Decision	Applicant	Location	Procedure
PA3062	23/09/2021	21/04/2022	Steele Surveying Pty Ltd	Pietsch Road Pomonal Vic 3377	Certification issued in relation to PS846425X, Version 2
PA3020	04/06/2021	21/04/2022	Ferguson Perry Surveying Pty Ltd	751 Sugarloaf Road, Rhymney Vic 3377	Certification and Statement of Compliance issued in relation to PS905870Y, Version 6
PA3107	14/02/2022	27/04/2022	Leanne Stewart	653 Back Bushy Creek Road Narrapumelap South Victoria 3293	Certification issued in relation to PS905756W, Version 1

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

The report supports the strategic objective of the Council Plan 2021-2025:

2 **Building Robust Local Economies -**

We will develop strong relationships to build and strengthen a diverse local economy, focused on creating jobs and wealth through adding value to existing strengths in agriculture, manufacturing, tourism and hospitality.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on Planning Matters Approved under Delegation – Planning Permits and Certification of Subdivision Plans and Statement of Compliances be received.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments relating to this item.

SECTION 5 – INFORMAL MEETINGS

5.1 INFORMAL MEETINGS

AUTHOR'S TITLE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 13039074

OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest.

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest requiring disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Governance Rules state that if there is a meeting of Councillors that:

- 1 is scheduled or planned for the purpose of discussing the business of *Council* or briefing Councillors;
- 2 is attended by at least one member of Council staff; and
- 3 is not a *Council meeting*, *Delegated Committee* meeting or *Community Asset Committee* meeting, the *Chief Executive Officer* must ensure that a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting are:
 - a) tabled at the next convenient *Council meeting*; and
 - b) recorded in the minutes of that *Council meeting*.

DISCUSSION

As a requirement of the Governance Rules, a summary of matters discussed at the Council Briefings held since the last Council Meeting are presented to Council and will be recorded in the minutes.

INFORMAL MEETINGS
Council Briefing held on 03 May 2022
Council Briefing held on 17 May 2022
Council Briefing held on 24 May 2022

Issues discussed at the briefing:

- Council Briefing May 2022
- Leisure Centre Feasibility Study
- Gordon St Open Council Report
- Basket Court- replacement and drainage
- Revised Road Management Plan/ Asset Plan
- Ironbark Lane
- Capital Works budget 2022/2023
- RRCP project success
- RCTP funding
- Federal Election commitment- Mt William Rd
- Waste budget
- Depot budget
- Operations budget
- Budget adoption and community consultation
- Planning matters
- 2022 valuations and rating impacts

- Managing project selection and delivery in 2022/2023
- PA3133 Ararat-Halls Gap Road, Cathcart
- PA3130 Elysium Festival
- DAMP review and new document

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

The report supports the strategic objective of the Council Plan 2021-2025:

- 6.3** Continuously improve Council's community engagement process and practices in line with deliberative engagement practices, while acknowledging the need for a range of different techniques to ensure effective engagement.

Financial

There are no financial impacts for the receiving of Informal Meetings of Councillors.

Policy/Relevant Law

Reporting of Informal Meetings is in line with the requirements of the Governance Rules.

Risk Assessment

Following the requirements of the Governance Rules will ensure that Council meets its legislative requirements.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

A summary of matters discussed at the Council Briefings are presented for community information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Informal Meetings of Councillors Report be received.

ATTACHMENTS

The Summary of Council Briefings are provided as Attachment 5.1.

SECTION 6 – NOTICES OF MOTION

A notice of motion must be in writing signed by a Councillor and be lodged with or sent to the Chief Executive Officer no later than 12.00pm (noon) and at least six (6) days prior to the Council Meeting to allow sufficient time for the Chief Executive Officer to include the notice of motion in agenda papers for a Council meeting.

SECTION 7– URGENT BUSINESS

Items cannot be admitted as urgent business other than by resolution of *Council* and only then if it:

- 1 relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the *agenda*; and
- 2 cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next *Council meeting*.

SECTION 8 – CLOSE SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL)

In accordance with section 66(2)(a), 3(1) *Confidential Information* (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the following agenda items are listed for consideration in the confidential section:

- Item 8.1- Insurance broking and risk management services tender
- Item 8.2- Waiver of Rates and Interest

CLOSURE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The Open Council Meeting will now be closed, but members of the public are welcome to rejoin the Council Meeting following the recommencement of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to members of the public pursuant to section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider confidential reports.

OPEN COUNCIL MEETING RECOMMENCEMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

Gallery invited to return to Council Chamber.

LIFTING OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Confidentiality:

- Of the report in relation to 8.1 not be lifted on adoption of the motion;
- Of the decision in relation to 8.1 be lifted on adoption of the motion; and
- Of the report and decision in relation to 8.2 not be lifted on adoption of the motion.