



Ararat Rural City

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28 July 2026

Held in the Council Chambers, Shire Offices
(Livestreamed)

Commenced at 6.00pm

Council:

Cr Bob Sanders (Mayor)

Cr Jo Armstrong

Cr Rob Armstrong

Cr Peter Joyce

Cr Teli Kaur

Cr Luke Preston

Cr Bill Waterston

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PRESENT: Cr J Armstrong, Cr R Armstrong, Cr Peter Joyce, Cr Teli Kaur, Cr Luke Preston, Cr Bob Sanders, Cr Bill Waterston, Dr Tim Harrison, Chief Executive Officer, Phuong Au – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Rebecca Rodger – Major Projects Lead, Thomas Duncan – Theatre Technical Officer

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 - CR BILL WATERSTON

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 - CR ROB ARMSTRONG

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 - CR JO ARMSTRONG

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

There were no apologies

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 June 2026 be confirmed.

**MOVED CR WATERSTON
SECONDED CR PRESTON**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 June 2026 be confirmed.

No Councillors spoke for or against the motion.

**CARRIED 7/0
5387/26**

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.

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest received.

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.

There were no Petitions or Joint Letters received.

SECTION 3 - REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION

There are no Reports requiring Council decision

SECTION 4 - INFORMATION REPORTS

4.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM 25-26 - JUNE 2026

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 30309

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

Community Engagement Program 2025/26 is a series of quarterly engagement outreach activities that aims to provide community with opportunities to ask questions, raise concerns and meet with Councillors and key staff at the Council. This monthly report provides a regular update to issues raised or upcoming plans for engagement activities.

DISCUSSION

Council adopted the Community Engagement Program 2025/26 at the November 2025 Council Meeting. This Program outlined a schedule for engagement sessions to be held in December 2025, March and June 2026.

The latest round of community engagement sessions occurred between 29 June to 02 July 2026 in Ararat, Lake Bolac, Moyston, Pomonal, Streatham, Warrak, Wickliffe, Willaura. 36 people attended the sessions and raised 82 issues, and as at 16 July 2026, 69 have been resolved or referred for action, as appropriate. Below is a summary of the issues raised and their status.

Table 1. Issues raised and their progress to date.

#	Issues Raised	Progress as of 23 July 2026
	Ararat	
1	Wooden seating in Barkly St needs varnishing	Service request lodged to investigate and action, as appropriate. Re-varnishing is likely to occur when the weather is warmer.
2	Concern expressed about a property with an accumulation of items, incl. on the nature strip, potential pest infestation and other hazards	Concerns were noted and some of the financial and legal challenges councils face in addressing these types of matters were discussed during the session.
3	Suggestion to plant trees at the eastern entrance of Ararat to block the view of unsightly areas instead of any fencing options	Suggestion noted and passed to the relevant team. Council had resolved at the June 2026 Council Meeting to engage with the Department of Transport and Planning and other stakeholders, as appropriate, on general landscaping improvements to the eastern entrance of Ararat.
4	Concerns raised about people who appear to be homeless, potentially under the influence of drugs and staying for prolonged periods in a public reserve	These topics were discussed during the engagement session. Managing these situations requires consideration for the circumstances and wellbeing of the vulnerable individuals, and there are limited homeless support services currently available. Illegal drug use should be reported to the police.
5	Reported a vehicle that appears to be abandoned.	Council is aware of the vehicle. It is currently registered so it cannot be towed away immediately.

		Council will continue to monitor the matter in accordance with Local Laws.
6	Brilliant to see the old Orchid House removed from Alexandra Gardens. Asked when the fencing around the site was going to come down.	Fence removal is pending works to underground services at the site.
7	Several suggestions were put forward for alternative uses for Aradale, including a research hospital for Alzheimer's and dementia, housing for nurses and doctors, a welfare centre for homeless people, a retirement village, or turning it into a casino.	Discussion occurred during the session around the scarcity of government funds for the proposals, and uncertainty around the level of interest from private investors.
8	Drainage issues on Golf Links Road	Issues reported for investigation and action, as appropriate
9	Issue with barking dogs on neighbouring property	On many occasions, dog owners are not aware that their dogs are causing any nuisance. Options for trying to work with dog owners to resolve the issue was discussed. If these fail, the barking dog can be reported via Snap Send Solve or by contacting Council directly.
10	Would like to see the historical plaques and signage around town and the lake restored	This request is unable to be accommodated in this financial year's budget. It will be considered as part of future project planning and budgeting.
11	Who manages McDonald Park?	Answer provided during the engagement session. This reserve is managed by DEECA
12	Fencing at the top of One Tree Hill has gone?	This issue has been reported to DEECA
13	Can Council get a Building Inspector?	Council has recently appointed a Municipal Building Inspector to issue permits for small structures.
14	What the green parts in the bike lanes mean	These are used to highlight areas where cyclists may be at greater risk of conflict with vehicles, such as intersections, roundabouts, etc.
15	Asked about the North-South Heavy Vehicle Bypass Route advocacy priority	This initiative seeks to remove large trucks from the Ararat CBD. Council are seeking \$5m in its Advocacy Program 2026 for studies and preliminary works.
16	Timing of Valorify development	The project is aiming for gas production by 2028.
17	Complimented Council on how the tips are being run and how they look	Compliment noted with appreciation
18	The increase in tip fees	Due to the increasing cost of landfill fees that Council is required to pay, the Fees and Charges related to the disposal of waste at transfer stations has also had to be increased. The changes were shown in the Draft Budget released in March 2026, were communicated during the budget consultation process and are shown in the adopted budget in the Schedule of Fees and Charges section.
19	Status of the Mininera Extension of the East Grampians Rural Pipeline	Council continues to strongly advocate for this project, it is one of six priorities in the Council's Advocacy Program 2026.
20	Thanked Council for the new footpath between Albert Street near Gorrinn Village to Gordon Street Recreation Reserve	Feedback has been noted with thanks
21	Asked about grubbing out the gorse and clearing prickly bushes at new footpath above	Service request lodged to investigate and action, as appropriate

22	There was previously access through at the end of McGibbony Street but that has been fenced off	There appears to be private property with no easements in the location. Attendee to be contacted to clarify before completing issue.
23	Idea for community to plant and share in the care of fruit trees and vegetable plants in nature strips to help with food security and sense of community.	Council is guided by the Ararat Landcare Group Urban Trees booklet and other resources, which considers the challenges of a changing climate and the management and maintenance requirements of different trees. Option of using the Ararat Community Garden at the back of J Ward was discussed, or smaller community gardens in pocket parks.
24	Volunteering was discussed in general, including the issue of burn out and people's lack of time. Other blockers discussed by community, including the need to do all of the courses and red tape.	Challenges around volunteering was discussed by attendees at the meeting. Attendees encouraged each other to volunteer and contribute what they can.
25	Would like to see another Multicultural Community Garden Party event	Attendee was encouraged to contact the Ararat Community Garden directly about the possibility of a repeat event
Lake Bolac		
26	Lake Bolac Hall Community Asset Committee would like to work together with Council to get back on track with maintenance needs at the Hall and surrounding area	Council welcomes the Committee's willingness to work together and will continue to work with the Committee to address the maintenance needs
27	Gordons Bridge Road - is a bus route and also a main road that people use and would like to see some works done on this road.	Road grading service request lodged to investigate and action, as appropriate. Possibility of a road upgrade will be considered as part of future capital works planning and budgeting.
28	Discussed the Ararat to Lake Bolac road (Mortlake-Ararat Road) and that it is lacking white lines and that Council should be advocating to DTP to have the lines marked.	Issue reported to VicRoads via their online form: https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-use/report-a-road-issue
29	Swimming pool upgrades and query about the solar heating on the roof	Resurfacing of pools in Lake Bolac and Willaura has been included in this year's Budget. Request lodged to inspect solar heating on the roof.
30	Kinnersley Road - is only a dry weather road and is used quite a bit to get to farms and would like to see it improved.	Road grading service request lodged to investigate and action, as appropriate. Possibility of a road upgrade will be considered as part of future capital works planning and budgeting.
31	Also, Settlement Road, McMasters Road would like to see more works done on it.	Road grading service request lodged to investigate and action, as appropriate. Possibility of a road upgrade will be considered as part of future capital works planning and budgeting.
32	Rabbits under the Scout Hall in Lake Bolac	Possible options are being investigated.
33	Wanted to know why Council was not using gravel from a specific supplier on the roads and believes that it's a very good product.	Council procures materials from a range of suppliers, including local suppliers where possible, subject to competitive pricing, delivery timeframes and comparable quality of products.
34	Discussed roads have been graded to the point on no gravel left and need to be resheeted.	Feedback noted, condition of gravel roads will be assessed as part of the annual asset inspection program.
35	There was extensive discussion about a windfarm and that Council should be taking a stance	Council understands that there are people in the community who feel strongly about this topic. Council has no say in the planning, positioning or vetoing of wind turbines. This all falls under

		federal or state government jurisdiction, both have been democratically elected on the basis of pursuing a path of renewable energy, and it is their decision to make. Council's role is to represent all residents in our locality, not just people against wind turbines or potential hosts, but to get the best result for our region as a whole.
	Moyston	
36	Some customers are not getting responses back on their Snap Send Solve requests.	Council will review our Snap Send Solve requests to identify what the potential issue may be. In the meantime, if the request has been resolved, a response should be able to be found by going to 'My Snaps' in the app, select the report and then select the incident, there should see a report timeline with the outcome and response. See this link for an example: Where do I find my report timeline?
37	Request to clear trees and provide fire access on Bare Hill Road	Request lodged for investigation and action, as appropriate
38	A metal collection skip would be more beneficial than a general waste skip service	Feedback noted and will be considered as part of the rural skip bin review later this year.
39	Request for flashing 40km signs at Moyston Primary School on Ararat-Halls Gap Road, due to the high traffic from tourists and visitors	Council will continue advocating to the Department of Transport and Planning for this outcome.
40	Are there 40km during school hours signs on School Road?	Yes, these are already installed.
41	Community were interested in the health of the trees on the Moyston Avenue of Honour.	Information will be summarised and shared with the Moyston Progress Association and other interested community groups.
42	There's a men's walking group that go around the oval. There's a small section towards the south east of the oval that needs some leveling	Request lodged for investigation and action, as appropriate
	Pomonal	
43	Feedback provided on the draft Rural Roads Safety Plan, including wildlife on Ararat-Halls Gap Road, and adding shared paths as priorities in Pomonal.	Feedback noted and will be considered as part of the finalisation of the draft Rural Road Safety Plan.
44	Speed limit review for Ararat-Halls Gap Road, turning lanes in the sections where the speed limit is higher than 80km/hour and rumble strips leading up to the town.	Ararat-Halls Gap Road is managed by the Department of Transport and Planning/VicRoads. Suggestions have been submitted via their online form: https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-use/report-a-road-issue
45	Query about land subdivisions	Resolved during the engagement session
46	Disabled carparking outside the Hall for the Victorian Election	Request has been investigated, as this is a gravel carpark linemarking is not possible and so a disability carpark that is compliant with the required standards is not possible. The Deputy CEO will liaise with the local community to identify possible workarounds the community could implement on election day if needed.
47	Accessibility of the disabled toilets at the Hall was raised, community would like to speak to person working on the Disability Action Plan	The Deputy CEO will reach out to person who raised this query. There will also be a Pomonal Community Listening Workshop at the Hall for the Disability Action Plan at 5pm - 6pm, Tuesday 1 st September.

48	There are several properties that have regrowth that appears overgrown. Residents are concerned about bushfire risk to neighbouring properties.	The process for inspections for the annual fire notices was provided during the engagement session.
49	Community would like more information on when and how to do burn offs safely, including list of people who can help with the work, help community find contractors	Availability of existing information resources are being investigated.
50	Please review tone of the fire notice letters	Feedback noted. Fire notices will be reviewed before the next fire season.
51	80 litre glass bins are quite heavy when full, not very ergonomic	Options discussed during the session, such as asking neighbour if some glass can go in their bin if room is available, or get a another glass bin for \$25 per annum (2026/27 rate). The form to request an additional bin is available on the Council website: https://www.ararat.vic.gov.au/services/waste-and-recycling/city-rural-kerbside-rubbish-collection
52	Community would like a soft plastics collection option	Council will investigate options and report back.
Streatham		
53	Footpaths on the south side of the Campbell Street as elderly people with walkers have trouble on the grass - potentially along the sealed service road area	This request is unable to be accommodated in this financial year's budget. It will be considered as part of future project planning and budgeting.
54	Would like Council to make a statement about not supporting Squadron and windfarms in general	Council understands that there are people in the community who feel strongly about this topic. Council has no say in the planning, positioning or vetoing of wind turbines. This all falls under federal or state government jurisdiction, both have been democratically elected on the basis of pursuing a path of renewable energy, and it is their decision to make. Council's role is to represent all residents in our locality, not just people against wind turbines or potential hosts, but to get the best result for our region as a whole.
55	Query about data centres and solar farms, and if Ararat was getting any	A planning application for a very small scale data centre powered by a solar farm has been submitted and is currently being assessed through the statutory planning process. This development also includes a canola crushing facility and a bioplastics manufacturing facility that will value-add to the crushing operation.
56	Would like Council to continue advocating for water pipe	Council continues to still strongly advocate for this project, it is one of six priorities in the Council's Advocacy Program 2026.
57	There is one bin in cage at the front of the toilets. There are a couple of spares around the side of the toilet. Unfortunately when the front bin is full people don't go around the side to use a second bin. Can we please have another bin at the front of the toilets	Request lodged for investigation and action, as appropriate
Warrak		

58	Could the remainder of Mount Cole Road be sealed?	This request is unable to be accommodated in this financial year's budget. It will be considered as part of future project planning and budgeting, however it is not likely to be a high priority.
59	Intersection of Warrayatkin Road and Western Hwy is a Give Way sign, should be a Stop sign	As this is an intersection with a VicRoads road, request lodged with VicRoads via their online form: https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-use/report-a-road-issue
60	The Warrak Hall lights need upgrading	Request lodged for investigation and action, as appropriate
61	Drainage off the roof and the pipe is broken	Request lodged for investigation and action, as appropriate
62	Asked about progress of works on Buangor-Ben Nevis Road	Bridge works are now complete, with next stages focused on the road widening and upgrade.
63	The pipeline works cause part of a track leading to a property to be washed away, but it is not clear who owns the track	Suggested they contact GWMWater to liaise with their contractor who did the works. Track is not on Council's road register.
64	Community member provided an update on the Warrak Recreation Reserve activities, including upgrades to the toilets, playground and future goals. The Reserve will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary in October/November 2026	Community member was thanked and the upcoming anniversary noted.
Wickliffe		
65	Looking at developing the Wickliffe Recreation Reserve as a refuge area / recovery hub for flood as this is the major disaster that Wickliffe experiences. This would include looking at a generator, water tanks due to the pipe water not fit for consumption, etc. Discussed applying for a grant for solar panels and battery for the Reserve	Grant application has been submitted for a solar panel and battery system to enable the Recreation Reserve to remain powered during an outage, supporting its function as a future refuge and recovery site.
66	They would like to build a fire pit at the Reserve	Idea noted. Conversations will continue with the Community Asset Committee on a potential fire pit.
Willaura		
67	Progress of new playground equipment installation at the Willaura Recreation Reserve	Installation still pending
68	They would like to be able to have better audio for online meetings at the Willaura Memorial Hall, using the big TV. Issue is the lack of microphones and the sound coming out of the small webcam, not the TV.	Purchase of microphone system to be considered by Council. Sound coming out of the TV may be a setting that needs to be changed. Default settings to be checked by Council staff.
69	Community were happy with the upcoming footpath upgrades in Willaura	Feedback noted with appreciation
70	The Friends of Willaura Pool would like to have an avenue to engage with Council staff	Avenue to be determined
71	Showers in the female changerooms were previously flooding, unsure if this has been fixed yet	Status still being checked. If not yet fixed, issue will be reported for investigation and action, as appropriate
72	The wet weather has impacted gravel roads everywhere and they need attention, shoulders need attention too	Council are grading as many roads as possible while roads are wet from recent rains.

73	Can spraying and slashing of roadsides occur more than one a year?	One round of spraying and slashing has been budgeted this for financial year, and general budget constraints were discussed in the meeting. This possibility of two runs will be considered as part of future project planning and budgeting.
74	Asked about planning process for wind farm approvals	Council has no say in the planning, positioning or vetoing of wind turbines. This all falls under federal or state government jurisdiction, both have been democratically elected on the basis of pursuing a path of renewable energy, and it is their decision to make.
75	What happens if a windfarm is decommissioned? Who is responsible for any waste?	According to state government information for permit applicants for windfarm projects, the permit that is issued by the Minister for Planning will typically have conditions related to decommissioning and rehabilitation requirements. For more details, see the Victorian Government's Department of Transport and Planning website: Planning permit applications - information for applicants
76	Do windfarms pose fire risks?	The windfarm owner or operator is required under state government legislation and regulations to minimise the hazards and risks and bushfire danger arising from the installation. Further information can be found on the Energy Safe Victoria website: General duties of wind farm owners and operators
77	Does Council have a position on windfarms?	Council's role is to represent all residents in our locality, not just people against wind turbines or potential hosts, but to get the best result for our region as a whole.
78	Question about whether Councils can negotiate with windfarms for a different rate of community benefits.	VicGrid have recently released new guidelines for community engagement and social value (see: Community engagement and social value guidelines). Councils can advocate for local priorities and help ensure that developments contribute meaningfully to more significant initiatives, but it does not appear that councils can negotiate a different rate of community benefits.
79	Which roads are in the capital works program for 2026/27?	List is being finalised and will be confirmed at the July 2026 Council Meeting.
80	Comment that blue metal is good road base	Feedback noted with thanks
81	Can the culvert at the north end of Edgarley Estate Road be widened to accommodate farm machinery?	This request is unable to be accommodated in this financial year's budget. It will be considered as part of future project planning and budgeting.
82	Condition of the asphalt and area around the Willaura War Memorial is becoming poor. The community are looking to apply for a grant from the Saluting Their Service grants program for repair works and sought support from Council.	Letter of Support provided, with further conversations to occur on potential future works.

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 their centre through effective financial management, well measured risk management, and implementation of effective community engagement practices.

- 6.3** Continuously improve Council's community engagement process and practices in line with deliberative engagement practices, while ensuring that Councillors' roles as elected community representatives are understood and reflected in decision-making.

Budget Implications

The Community Engagement Program 2025/2026 does not have any budget implications. This Program will be delivered within the existing resources and budget. The issues arising from the engagement sessions may have budget implications, these will be assessed on a case by case basis and may be considered for future budgets.

Policy/Relevant Law

Ararat Rural City Council's Community Engagement Policy

Sustainability Implications

The community engagement sessions will aim to coincide with other community events and activities, or locate the sessions in places where people may wish to visit. This is in recognition of the value of people's time and travel costs, and enables community members to achieve multiple activities in the one journey.

Risk Assessment

The Community Engagement Program 2025/26 included a risk analysis and mitigation measures. This is a low risk Program.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

This Program supports stakeholder collaboration and community engagement.

Gender Impact Assessment

Of the 36 attendees, 20 were female and 16 were male.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council receives the Community Engagement Program June 2026 report

MOVED CR KAUR

SECONDED CR R ARMSTRONG

That:

1. Council receives the Community Engagement Program June 2026 report

Cr Kaur spoke for the motion.

CARRIED 7/0

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no Attachments in relation to this item

4.2 PRESTIGE MILL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT - JUNE 2026 UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 30310

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 provides a regular update on the Housing Support Program – Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream (HSP-CEIS) funded project at 87 Queen St, also known as the former Prestige Mill site.

DISCUSSION

Recap

The HSP-CEIS grant helps to resolve the barriers that have previously prevented this site from being financially viable to develop into assets that could provide better value for the community, such as housing. The grant unlocks the site by funding the cost of enabling infrastructure for up to 90 new dwellings, including planning, detailed designs, construction costs for roads, footpaths, kerb & channel, drainage, as well as costs for utility infrastructure such as power, water, sewerage, and NBN. The grant does not fund the cost to build the homes, however with the major barriers removed, private investment into housing will become viable.

Progress Update

Demolition Works at Queen Street

With the return of more favourable weather, demolition works have resumed at the Queen Street site under strict environmental and safety regulations and in accordance with WorkSafe Victoria and the Environment Protection Authority requirements. Progress photos below:



Construction of New Infrastructure

The engineering and civil design work for the roads, footpaths, kerb and channel, and utilities has been continuing in preparation for when the site is cleared and new infrastructure is able to be built. The estimated timeframe for the construction of new enabling infrastructure is expected to commence in the second half of 2026.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

1. GROWING OUR PLACE

We will create the settings to support growth across our municipality through an improved planning scheme, actively pursuing new housing options and exploring models for in-migration.

- 1.2** Support innovative housing models that work to overcome market failure and create the capacity to increase the population of Ararat Rural City.

Budget Implications

This project is funded by a \$7.3 million grant from the Federal Government's Housing Support Program: Community Enabling Infrastructure Fund.

Policy/Relevant Law

Not applicable

Sustainability Implications

Not applicable

Risk Assessment

Demolition works are progressing in line with risk assessment and mitigation measures, ensuring that all identified hazards are being effectively managed and safety protocols are strictly followed.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

Council officers have liaised closely with the site owners on this project. Project updates for the broader community are provided on Council's Engage Ararat website.

Gender Impact Assessment

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council receives the Prestige Mill Infrastructure Project - June 2026 Update

MOVED CR PRESTON

SECONDED CR R ARMSTRONG

That:

- 1. Council receives the Prestige Mill Infrastructure Project - June 2026 Update**

Cr Preston spoke for the motion.

CARRIED 7/0

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments relating to this item

4.3 ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26 UPDATE (JUNE 2026)

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 30311

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 Council Plan 2025-29 contains 53 actions to be undertaken during the 2025/2026 (Year 1) financial year under the strategic objectives:

1. Growing our place
2. Building robust local economies
3. Preserving the environment
4. Developing and maintaining key enabling infrastructure
5. Enhancing community life; and
6. Strong and effective governance

These actions are provided in the Annual Plan 2025/26 and their progress is reported monthly at Council Meetings.

DISCUSSION

The Annual Plan 2025/26 contains 53 actions. Progress on these actions are summarised below, with the change from the previous monthly report shown in brackets. Seven (7) actions are expected to be partially completed by the end of June 2026 and will be carried forward and completed in 2026/27.

Status	Number of Actions
Completed	37 (+4)
In progress 51-99%	3 (-4)
In progress 0-50%	4
Not Started	0
Ongoing	9

Further details on each action is provided in the table below.

Council Plan Objectives	Actions	Progress	Officer Comment
1.1 Develop a strategic land use planning framework with annual targets to support sustainable urban growth.	1.1.1 Complete a review of Council's Planning Scheme as required under Section 12B of the Planning Environment Act 1987	In progress 51-99% (to be carried forward)	Council officers are working with the Department of Transport and Planning's (DTP) Regional Planning Hub on the Ararat Planning Scheme review. An updated timeframe from the Regional Planning Hub for the completion of the Review is Oct 2026.
	1.1.2 Establish annual targets for sustainable urban growth	Complete	As part of the Planning Scheme Review process, it has been identified that the Victorian Government's housing target of 1000 net new dwellings for Ararat Rural City by 2051 provides a suitable urban growth annual target of 40 homes per year.
	1.1.3 Complete the 'Unlocking Ararat North	Complete	This action was completed at the June 2026 Council Meeting.

	East' Structure Plan project		
1.2 Support innovative housing models that work to overcome market failure and create the capacity to increase the population of Ararat Rural City.	1.2.1 Deliver enabling infrastructure for well-located homes that address critical housing gaps in central Ararat, with support from the Housing Support Program: Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream.	In progress 0-50% (to be carried forward)	See 'Housing Support Program Project Update' report for further details.
	1.2.2 Continue to develop the Ararat Housing Enterprise P/L, delivering another four houses in Ararat during 2025/2026.	Complete	This action was completed at the April 2026 Council Meeting.
	1.2.3 Work with developers to submit EOI application/s to the National Housing Infrastructure Facility Crisis and Transitional Housing (NHIF CT) program	Complete	This action was completed at the January 2026 Council Meeting.
1.3 Work with other levels of government, business, educational institutions and not-for-for profits to develop programs to increase in-migration to Ararat Rural City to grow our population.	1.3.1 Complete the Jack and Jill Kindergarten Refurbishment, with support from the Building Blocks Improvement Grant	Complete	This action was completed at the May 2026 Council Meeting.
	1.3.2 Establish a new childcare centre in Lake Bolac	In progress 0-50% (to be carried forward)	Council officers are continuing to liaise with potential childcare providers to deliver this project
	1.3.3 Deliver the CALD Outreach Initiative	Complete	The CALD Outreach Initiative for 2025/26 is complete. The broader CALD Outreach Initiative will continue until June 2027.
2.1 Partner with Federation University Australia to deliver the Ararat Jobs and Technology Precinct with a focus on engaging with local agribusiness, industry and community.	2.1.1 Build stronger connections between AJTP and local industry, including promotion of industry internships for research students.	Ongoing	The AJTP Advisory Group and the Future of the Regions group are focused on industry and stakeholder engagement. As PhD students commence their research projects the level of industry engagement is increasing.
	2.1.2 Work with Federation University, community and industry stakeholders to apply for a grant for National Science Week in August 2026	Complete	This action was completed at the October 2025 Council Meeting.
	2.1.3 Continue to support the delivery of TAFE courses at the Ararat Jobs and Technology Precinct	Complete	This action was completed at the May 2026 Council Meeting.
2.2 Work with other levels of government, local business, and private	2.2.1 Work with Invest Victoria, Regional Development Victoria	Ongoing	Council is working with Invest Victoria, Regional Development Victoria and a number of private sector partners to

investors to develop a business park within Ararat Rural City, focused on agricultural value adding and advanced manufacturing, potentially leveraging "behind the meter" power.	and private sector partners to develop plans for the ARCC Circular Economy Precinct.		make a case for a state significant circular economy hub in Ararat
	2.2.2 Continue to support Valorify P/L to develop a biogas plant in Ararat which uses straw as the major input.	Ongoing	Council continues to strongly support Valorify P/L.
	2.2.3 Seek funding from the Victorian Government's \$10 million fund to unlock industrial trunk infrastructure to accelerate new industrial developments	Complete	This action was completed at the March 2026 Council Meeting.
2.3 Engage with Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism and local businesses to improve the quality of experience and drive growth in high yield tourist outcomes.	2.3.1 Deliver the Ararat Hills Outdoor Adventure Precinct Feasibility Study	In progress 0-50% (to be carried forward)	Engagement with key stakeholders on the feasibility study is underway.
	2.3.2 Partner with local hospitality, accommodation, food and wine industry to develop an annual fine wine and food event within the municipality.	Complete	This action was completed at the June 2026 Council Meeting.
	2.3.3 Work with operators and Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism to deliver 4 star and above accommodation	Complete	This action was completed at the May 2026 Council Meeting.
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.	3.1.1 Develop and adopt an ambitious business based on key partnerships and production of higher value outputs, that views municipal "waste" as an economic resource.	Complete	This action was completed at the April 2026 Council Meeting.
	3.1.2 Continue to support Plastoil to develop a plastics recycling facility in Ararat	Complete	This action was completed at the April 2026 Council Meeting.
3.2 Develop innovative energy solutions utilising locally produced waste	3.2.1 Continue to support Valorify P/L to develop a biogas plant in Ararat which uses straw as the major input.	Ongoing	Council continues to strongly support Valorify P/L.
	3.2.2 Work with Federal and State Government and private sector partners to plan, fund and develop a circular	In progress 0-50% (to be carried forward)	Council is working with Invest Victoria, Regional Development Victoria and a number of private sector partners to make a case for a state significant circular economy hub in Ararat.

	economy industrial precinct.		
	3.2.3 Continue to advocate for greater policy confidence and support for renewable gas generation	Ongoing	This issue has been identified as a priority in the proposed 2026 Advocacy Priorities Council Meeting report.
3.3 Partner with local organisations and scientific experts to implement the Environment Strategy 2024-34, with a focus on circular economy, emissions reduction and sustainable management of Council assets.	3.3.1 Deliver the Pomonal Community Hall Battery Project with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance and with support from the 100 Neighbourhood Batteries Grants Program	Complete	This action was completed at the June 2026 Council Meeting.
	3.3.2 Deliver the Roadside Weeds and Pests Program	Complete	This action was completed at the June 2026 Council Meeting.
	3.3.3 Explore a model for collaborating with community asset committees to use rooftop solar to increase use of renewable energy at community facilities.	Complete	This action was completed at the November 2025 Council Meeting.
4.1 Ensure that asset development and renewal during the planning period matches that identified in Council's Asset Plan 2025-2035.	4.1.1 Develop the Asset Plan 2025-35	Complete	The Asset Plan 2025-35 was adopted at the October 2025 Council Meeting
	4.1.2 Continue to advocate for the Western Highway Upgrade from Buangor to Ararat	Ongoing	The Federal and State Governments announced on 15 May 2026 that construction on the Western Highway Upgrade between Buangor and Ararat will begin before the end of the year, following additional investment
	4.1.3 Continue to advocate for a North South Heavy Vehicle Route	Ongoing	This issue has been identified as a priority in the 2026 Advocacy Priorities.
4.2 Work directly with asset users to manage and develop new and existing assets.	4.2.1 Progress plans and costings for a new indoor sports facility and the outdoor pool upgrade	In progress 51-99% (to be carried forward)	Basketball Victoria released new facility guidelines in May 2026. The concept designs are being reviewed against the latest guidelines. The concepts for the outdoor pool upgrade is also being reviewed in light of recent community feedback received through the Budget and the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy engagement processes.
	4.2.2 Deliver the Community Road Safety Strategy	Complete	This action was completed at the May 2026 Council Meeting.
	4.2.3 Deliver the Ararat Rural City Sport and Active Recreation Strategy	Complete	This action was completed at the May 2026 Council Meeting.
4.3 Deliver infrastructure outcomes that support economic growth, are mindful of intergenerational equity and enhance community wellbeing and safety. These approaches will	4.3.1 Deliver the 2025/26 Capital Works Program	Complete	This action was completed at the June 2026 Council Meeting.

explore strategic use of debt to fund long-term assets and ensure Council's financial sustainability.			
5.1 Open up Council's arts and culture assets to greater community participation, ownership and engagement in decision-making	5.1.1 Deliver artist and community group exhibits in the Barkly St Laneway and Community Wall within the Ararat Gallery TAMA	Complete	This action was completed at the February 2026 Council Meeting.
	5.1.2 Increase participation in programs at Ararat Gallery TAMA	Complete	This action was completed at the February 2026 Council Meeting.
	5.1.3 Investigate ways to maximise scheduling of community events at the Town Hall	Complete	This action was completed at the January 2026 Council Meeting.
	5.1.4 Identify innovative ways to increase the promotion and reach of performances at the Town Hall	Complete	This action was completed at the January 2026 Council Meeting.
5.2 Develop models of volunteering that recognise, support and properly utilise the skills that community volunteers bring to community life.	5.2.1 Deliver the first of three years of the Youth Events, Activities and Happenings (YEAH) Crew	Complete	YEAH Crew program for 2025/26 is now complete. The YEAH Crew will be continuing in 2026/27.
	5.2.2 Deliver young people's programs across schools, largely through the Crazy Ideas College	Complete	Crazy Ideas College have completed their 2025/26 program and have commenced activities for 2026/27.
	5.2.3 Work with community groups to deliver an annual Volunteer Expo	Complete	This action was completed at the June 2026 Council Meeting.
	5.2.4 Promote the benefits and achievements of volunteers, to encourage participation	Ongoing	Applications to join Council's volunteer team have opened. The application form and Frequently Asked Questions are available via Engage Ararat.
5.3 Partner with community groups, not-for-profits, and Traditional Owner organisations to develop Ararat Rural City into a more inclusive, welcoming, tolerant and diverse community.	5.3.1 Develop the Disability Action Plan	In progress 51-99% (to be carried forward)	Public consultation and engagement on for the development of the Disability Action Plan will commence in early 2026/27.
	5.3.2 Develop the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-29	Complete	The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-29 was adopted at the October 2025 Council Meeting.
	5.3.3 Hold quarterly meetings of the Child Friendly Cities and Communities Working Group	Complete	This action was completed at the May 2026 Council Meeting.
	5.3.4 Deliver multicultural events	Complete	This action was completed at the March 2026 Council Meeting.

6.1 Deliver responsible budget outcomes linked to strategy, that deliver value, innovation and rating fairness.	6.1.1 Deliver operational efficiencies to reduce avoidable overtime and improvements in casual staff rostering	Complete	This action was completed at the January 2026 Council Meeting.
	6.1.2 Undertake a review of Council's insurance coverage and policies to ensure they continue to provide value for money	Complete	This action was completed at the November 2025 Council Meeting.
6.2 Ensure appropriate risk management is applied to Council and organisational decisions. Council's internal function is applied to areas of perceived risk.	6.2.1 Deliver organisational efficiencies and improvements through IT infrastructure and systems upgrades	Complete	This action was completed at the April 2026 Council Meeting.
	6.2.2 Undertake the Strategic Internal Audit Program – 5 years.	Complete	This action was completed at the April 2026 Council Meeting.
	6.2.3 Develop the 2026-2030 Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP)	Complete	This action was completed at the April 2026 Council Meeting.
	6.2.4 Ensure appropriate analysis of all inquiry and investigation reports relevant to Council operations are examined and recommendations implemented.	Ongoing	Each external enquiry and investigation undertaken in the local government sector is examined and appropriate actions undertaken. Significant issues and remedies are reported to the audit and risk committee.
6.3 Continuously improve Council's community engagement process and practices in line with deliberative engagement practices, while ensuring that Councillors' roles as elected community representatives are understood and reflected in decision-making.	6.3.1 Deliver a new Customer Request Management System (CRMS) integrated with the Snap Send Solve app	Complete	This action was completed at the August 2025 Council Meeting.
	6.3.2 Develop a regular biannual program of face-to-face community engagement opportunities	Complete	This action was completed at the November 2025 Council Meeting.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

The Annual Plan 2025/26 aligns with all strategic objectives of the Council Plan 2025-29

Budget Implications

The Annual Plan 2025/2026 does not have any additional budget implications. All actions in the Annual Plan have been budgeted in the 2025/2026 Budget or have no additional resourcing requirements.

Policy/Relevant Law

Section 90 of the Local Government Act 2020 requires that Council produces a Council Plan for a minimum of a four year period. The Annual Plan is a document related to operationalising the Council Plan.

Sustainability Implications

The Annual Plan provides specific actions that will be undertaken for the key theme 5. Preserving Our Environment.

Risk Assessment

Implementing the Annual Plan has some inherent risks around project and program delivery on time, at cost and at an acceptable quality. These risks are managed through careful budget monitoring, a focus on effective project management and appropriate stakeholder engagement. Council has a commitment to improved performance across all of these areas.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

Stakeholders and community groups will be engaged during the development and delivery of the actions, where applicable.

Gender Impact Assessment

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receives the Annual Plan 2025/26 - June 2026 report*

MOVED CR JOYCE

SECONDED CR WATERSTON

That:

- 1. Council receives the Annual Plan 2025/26 - June 2026 report**

Cr Joyce and Cr Waterston spoke for the motion.

CARRIED 7/0

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments relating to this item

4.4 2025/2026 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - JUNE 2026

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 30312

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 Council has approved its 2025/2026 Capital Works Program as a fundamental component of the current budget. With a substantial capital works investment totaling \$12.437 million, the budget primarily targets infrastructure enhancements.

Key initiatives include:

- Year two of Mount William Road Construction - supported by Federal Government funding.
- Buangor Ben Nevis Road Construction - including replacement of bridge one at the Warrak end of the project.
- The covered sports arena at the Ararat Pony Club facilities.
- Urban Gravel to Seal Road Upgrades continue to upgrade accessibility across urban areas.
- Maintenance of Footpaths, Drainage, and Kerb and Channel.

These projects underscore the Council's commitment to improving local infrastructure and fostering community development in the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

Council's 2025/2026 Capital Works Program continues our shift to reintroduction of larger road and bridge construction projects. The program's budget has substantial state and federal funding targeting road construction and safety initiatives.

The focus for 2025/2026 remains on renewing and updating Council assets, leveraging in-house capabilities, and supporting local employment and contractors, and the tender of works with the expectation of possible budget savings in a softening construction market.

Key areas include:

- Enhanced roads reseal program.
- Urban drainage improvements
- Footpath network upgrades
- Major urban road gravel to seal program
- Year two of Mt William Road Reconstruction
- Roads to Recovery funded projects (Webb Street & McCrows Road Bridge)
- Safe Local Roads and Street funding projects

Budget Status:

As of 30 June 2026, 125% of the budget is expended.

Many noteworthy project have been completed within this period including McCrows Road Bridge Strengthening, Buangor Ben Nevis Road Bridge Construction (over Mt Cole Creek), Mininera Toilet Block Upgrade, Mininera and Buangor Septic Tank Replacements as well as many road safety initiatives including the installation of new raised crossings in Barkly and High Streets. Many small community-based initiatives have also been completed as well as funded projects within both property and civil realms.

PROPERTY CAPITAL PROJECTS	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Community Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended (25/26)	Overall Total	%	Notes
Property Capital General	\$166,000		\$166,000							
Mininera Recreation Reserve Toilet Upgrade							\$178,697	\$178,697		Toilets have been installed onsite and only require connection to the septic.
Tatyoan Oval Upgrade							\$11,393	\$11,393		Works are completed with some final issues to be rectified before final completion is issued
Video Cameras/Security - Ararat Skate Park							\$6,421	\$6,421		These have been installed.
Video Camera/Security - Ararat Fitness Centre							\$13,203	\$13,203		These have been installed.
Lake Bolac Club Rooms - Roof Upgrade							\$23,400	\$23,400		Works have been complete
Alexandra Oval - Hot Water Service Replacements							\$22,854	\$22,854		Works have been completed
Former Cobb & Co Staging Stables (Disaster Recovery Heritage Program)	\$60,000	\$60,000			\$1,237		\$29,134	\$30,371	50%	Ararat Maintenance Plumbing has completed works on this project & and acquitted. A variation
Ararat Pony Club - Covered Sports Area (Play our Way Program)	\$1,490,000	\$1,490,000			\$14,270	\$75,035	\$1,236,533	\$1,325,838	89%	The design and construction of the undercover arena has been awarded to MKM Constructions works are to commence 16 February 2026. Lighting installation has been awarded to Matt Peel Electrical - this includes the installation of 3-phase power. Power Upgrade not expected until mid year with Powercor.
Centenary Park - Dog Park (Open Space for Everyone Program)	\$112,000	\$100,000	\$12,000		\$1,172	\$50,122	\$93,936	\$145,230	107%	

PROPERTY CAPITAL PROJECTS	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Community Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended (25/26)	Overall Total	%	Notes
Buangor Sports Pavilion Redevelopment <i>(Tiny Towns Program)</i>	\$631,000	\$50,000	\$581,000 (\$220k Property Capital) (\$361k Property Reserve)		\$303		\$212,874	\$213,177	34%	Works have commenced on-site with demolition and electrical works complete, new slabs are being laid and internal framing has commenced.
Jack and Jill Kindergarten Redevelopment <i>(Building Blocks improvement grants program)</i>	\$745,000	\$745,000			\$26,000		\$642,744	\$668,744	89%	All internal works have been completed.
Ararat City Tennis Sports Lighting Installation and accessibility upgrade <i>(Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund)</i>	\$700,000	\$560,000	\$120,000 (\$20,000 from Tennis Australia)	\$20,000	NA	\$279,347	224,624	\$503,971	62%	Tenders for Civil, Lighting and Fencing have been awarded under Council Delegation. Civil works are expected to commence on 7 April 2026 by SHS Civil.
Gordon Street Cricket Nets Upgrade <i>(Australian Cricket Infrastructure Grant)</i>	\$39,985	\$15,000	\$24,985		NA		\$37,882	\$37,882	88%	Synthetic carpet has been installed in February and concrete works have been completed, netting is nearing completion.
Pomonal Hall Battery Project <i>(Powering Resilience in the Regions Program)</i>	\$148,760	\$141,407	\$7,353		NA		\$7,353	\$7,353	100%	Council have paid their contribution to the project. Indigo Power have been awarded this project - any further expenditure will be paid by CVGA.
Ararat Library Lighting and Exterior Upgrade. <i>(Living Libraries Infrastructure Program 2024-25)</i>	\$51,026	\$51,026			NA		\$51,691	\$51,691	10117%	External Painting and lighting have been completed.
TOTAL - PROPERTY CAPITAL	\$4,550,771	\$3,212,433	\$1,318,338	\$20,000	\$42,982	\$404,504	\$2,585,985	\$3,240,225		

PLANT & EQUIPMENT	Budget	Committed/ Contracted	Expended 25/26	%	Notes
Vehicle Purchases	\$240,000		\$208,395	80%	
Major Plant Purchases	\$260,000		\$294,372	114%	
Fixtures, Fittings & Furniture	\$100,000		\$77,509	77%	
Book stock - Library Book Replacement	\$40,000		\$41,268	103%	
TOTAL - PLANT & EQUIPMENT			\$621,544	97%	

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended 25/26	Overall Total	%	Notes
Works By Others <i>Woorndoo Streatham Road - Completed by Moyne Shire</i>	\$683,000		\$683,000	NA		\$793,492	\$793,492	116%	<i>Works completed by Moyne Shire - Council Contribution</i>
Gravel Road Sheeting, Widening & Alternative Sealing	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	NA	\$331,278	\$1,386,017	\$1,717,296	100%	\$1.5m budget reallocated from other line items. Additional OTTA Seal works include: - Tatyoon North Road - Logan Road - Jacksons Creek Road (complete)
Reseal Program				NA		\$33,824	\$33,824		Reseal Program Completed in 24/25, current charge to this item is linemarking that was invoiced late and has been allocated to 25/26 budget.

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended 25/26	Overall Total	%	Notes
Urban Road - Gravel to Seal	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	NA	\$689,515	\$153,231	\$842,747	84%	Works Allocated for: - Alexandra Avenue (in conjunction with SLRSP Funding) - Coral & McNeil Street (Early June Commencement) - Maude Street (in conjunction with Pony Club Project)
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM									
Buangor Ben Nevis Road (Roads to Recovery 24/25 & 25/26)	\$3,143,000		\$2,143,000 (24/25) \$1,000,000 (25/26)	\$269,592		\$228,567	\$498,159		Stage One of Road works are expected to commence in the coming months inline with the bridge works, to be undertaken by internal crew
Buangor Ben Nevis Road - Bridge Strengthening					\$118,111	\$198,139	\$316,250		Works have been completed to allow for traffic flow
Buangor Ben Nevis Road (SILRP Funding 25/26)	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000							Council contribution of \$1,250,000 required in 26/27 Budget
Mt William Road (HSVPP Funding 24/25)	\$6,250,000	\$5,000,000	\$1,250,000	\$217,582		\$4,714,465	\$4,932,047	78%	The scope of works has been completed to adding the rock layer. There is one final section to seal and line marking and armco to install.
Webb Street Reconstruction (Roads to Recovery 24/25)	\$400,000		\$400,000	\$13,822		\$152,093	\$165,915	100%	Works have been completed with sealing of the road expected in late January, early February.
Churchill Avenue Reconstruction			\$30,371			\$30,371	\$30,371		Final invoices for works completed in June 26.
Roads to Recovery (26/27) Stevens Crescent View Point Street (Banksia to Temple) View Point Street (High to Lambert)						\$15,579	\$15,579		Planning and design work

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended 25/26	Overall Total	%	Notes
Ararat Active Bike Network (Active Transport Fund)	\$399,000	\$266,000	\$133,000	\$13,525	\$117,302	\$108,861	\$239,688	60%	Shoulder Sealing works have been completed. Line Marking will be undertaken when weather permits.
Buangor Ben Nevis Road - Bridge 7001.14 Design and Construct (Roads to Recovery - 25/26)	\$1,300,000		\$1,300,000	\$68,723		\$1,229,181	\$1,297,904	99%	Works have been completed.
McCrows Road Bridge (Roads to Recovery - 24/25)	\$350,000		\$350,000	\$17,738		\$446,899	\$464,637		Works awarded to Waratah Constructions - work to commence early April 26. Additional cost to be paid from savings on Webb St Roads to Recovery costs.
Major Patching	\$100,000		\$100,000			\$116,262	\$116,262	116%	
Bridges	\$0					\$2,451	\$2,451		
Footpath Renewal Program	\$400,000		\$400,000			\$337,723	\$337,723		All projects complete for 25/26 Financial Year
Albert Street Footpath (Flexible Local Transport Solutions Program 25/26)	\$85,000	\$42,500	\$42,500 taken from Footpath Renewal Program above			\$86,519	\$86,519		Improving Pedestrian Accessibility to the Ararat Retirement Village and Sports Precinct - New Grant received September 2025. This project is currently in construction.
Urban Drainage Works	\$350,000					\$33,221	\$33,221		Savings from Gravel to Seal and Footpath Construction line items to pay for septic units at Buangor and Mininera

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended 25/26	Overall Total	%	Notes
Mininera Recreation Reserve - Septic Upgrade			\$206,000			\$217,850	\$217,850		Works are completed. Additional cost for rock removal and fuel levy.
Buangor Recreation Reserve - Septic Upgrade			\$201,000			\$209,250	\$209,250		Works are completed. Additional cost for fuel levy.
Kerb and Channel	\$0					\$112,998	\$112,988		Transferred to Gravel Road Sheeting, Widening & Alternative Sealing. Some planning work is being undertaken for the 26/27 Financial Year.
Lake Bolac Kindergarten Carpark (YMCA received funding for work)	\$80,339	\$80,339		\$61,358		\$12,559	\$73,917	91%	Funding was received by the YMCA to undertake the carpark works at Lake Bolac Kindergarten. Council procured the contractor, and project managed the works with the funding amount being paid to Council on completion of the works. Work is now complete.
Banfield Street - School Crossing (Road Safety Program - School Safety Improvements 20-25)	\$19,009	\$19,009		\$8,244		\$4,369	\$12,613	66%	These works are complete.
Queen Street Housing Support Program (Housing Support Program - Community Enabling Infrastructure)	\$7,380,000	\$7,380,000		\$152,580	\$351,450	\$938,016	\$1,442,047	20%	Planning Permit application has been approved. Demolition is occurring on Queen Street site.

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended 25/26	Overall Total	%	Notes
SAFE LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS PROGRAM									
View Point, Tobin & Taylor St Intersections	\$224,000	\$224,000		\$581		\$22,261	\$22,842	10%	The detailed design for this project is complete, and lighting design is being finalised, with procurement commencing in February 2026. This project will be run in conjunction with the Footpath project for Taylor Street.
Ingor Street - Raised Crossing	\$110,000	\$110,000		\$600		\$20,131	\$20,731	19%	The detailed design for this project is complete, and procurement commencing in February 2026.
King Street - Raised Crossing	\$110,000	\$110,000		\$4,702	\$41,000	\$18,198	\$63,900	58%	Tenders have been awarded to SHS Civil. Works to be undertaken outside of school term.
View Point & High St Intersection	\$117,000	\$117,000		\$1,526		\$99,518	\$101,044	86%	SHS Civil have completed these works..
Moore & Princes Street Intersection	\$131,000	\$131,000		\$145		\$20,945	\$21,090	16%	The detailed design for this project is complete, and procurement will commence in February 2026.
Vincent Street & Alexandra Avenue - Raised Crossing	\$321,000	\$321,000		\$239		\$27,467	\$27,706	9%	The detailed design for this project has been received; some alterations are being requested to make the works more amenable to the location.
Queen & Moore Street Roundabout	\$548,000	\$548,000		\$1,531		\$29,682	\$31,213	6%	The detailed design for this project is complete, and the lighting design is being finalised.
George Road Raised Crossing (Ararat West)						\$5,896	\$5,896		New initiative for the SLRSP to include a permanent raised crossing at George Road.

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended 25/26	Overall Total	%	Notes
SAFE SYSTEM PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (23/24)									
Barkly Street Raised Crossing	\$312,232	\$312,232		\$398		\$194,965	\$325,247	104%	Both Projects have been completed.
High Street Raised Crossing						\$129,884			
TOTAL - ROADS CAPITAL	\$30,312,580	\$19,661,080	\$10,639,371	\$832,886	\$1,648,656	\$12,130,884	\$14,612,426		

FUNDED PROJECTS - MISCELLANEOUS (NOT CAPITALISED)	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended (25/26)	Overall Total	%	Notes
Roadside Weeds and Pest Program 25/26 (Funding of the same name)	\$74,135	\$74,135		NA		\$80,350	\$80,350	109%	This project has been awarded to Project Platypus, all funds are expected to be expended by mid May 2026.
Sport & Active Recreation Strategy (Local Sports Infrastructure Funding 23/24)	\$55,000	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$12,452		\$41,436	\$53,888	97%	CommunityVibe is undertaking the works associated with this project. Community engagement has been undertaken, and the draft report is currently out for final consultation.
Community Road Safety Action Plan (TAC Local Govt Funding)	\$49,540	\$49,540		\$437		\$39,581	\$40,018	81%	DWB Engineering is undertaking the works associated with this project. Community engagement has been completed and draft reporting is being compiled

FUNDED PROJECTS - MISCELLANEOUS (NOT CAPITALISED)	Budget	Funding Amount	Council Contribution	Previous Years Expenditure	Committed Expenditure (25/26)	Expended (25/26)	Overall Total	%	Notes
Unlocking Ararat North East <i>(Streamlining for Growth 22/23)</i>	\$85,000	\$85,000		NA	\$20,335	\$38,750	\$59,085	70%	Beveridge Williams is undertaking the works for this project. They are working with our Planning Department and Strategic Project Lead to progress the outcomes of the funding.
Ararat City Tennis Sports Lighting Installation and accessibility upgrade - Participation Initiative. <i>(Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund)</i>	\$50,000	\$50,000		NA				0%	This grant was received in July 2025 and will run in conjunction with the infrastructure project for Sports Lighting and accessibility upgrades.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

The key financial drivers align strongly with the thrust of the Council Plan 2025-2029, particularly the following:

- 4.1** Ensure that asset development and renewal during the planning period matches that identified in Council's Asset Plan 2025-2035.
- 4.2** Work directly with asset users to manage and develop new and existing assets.
- 4.3** Deliver infrastructure outcomes that support economic are mindful of intergenerational equity and enhance community wellbeing and safety. These approaches will explore strategic use of debt to fund long-term assets and ensure Council's financial sustainability.
- 6.1** Deliver responsible budget outcomes, linked to strategy, that deliver value, innovation, and rating fairness.

Budget Implications

The 2025/2026 Capital Works Program represents a significant element of Council's 2025/2026 Budget. In the current civil construction market, it is essential that Council manages capital works expenditure carefully to ensure budget outcomes are met.

Policy/Relevant Law

The 2025/2026 Capital Works Program complies with the program funded in the 2025/2026 Budget.

Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications. Council is mindful of considering new innovative approaches to improve its sustainability and environmental footprint as part of the Capital Works program.

Risk Assessment

The 2025/2026 Capital Works Program was developed as a mitigation of the financial risks associated with market volatility currently being experienced in the civil and building construction sectors.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Development of the 2025/2026 Capital Works Program represented an agile response to market conditions. A capacity to rework strategy based on a changing environment is a critical element in developing an innovative organisation.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

The 2025/2026 Capital Works Program has been developed as an element of the 2025/2026 Budget. There was extensive community engagement undertaken prior to adoption.

Gender Impact Assessment

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *That Council receive the Capital Works Program - June 2026 report.*

MOVED CR KAUR SECONDED CR JOYCE

That:

1. **That Council receive the Capital Works Program - June 2026 report.**

Cr Kaur and Cr Joyce spoke for the motion.

**CARRIED 7/0
5391/26**

ATTACHMENTS

There are no Attachments relating to this item

4.5 2026/2027 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - ANNUAL WORKS PLAN 2026/27

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 30314

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 Council has approved its 2026/2027 Capital Works Program as a fundamental component of the current budget. With a substantial capital works investment totaling \$15.797 million, the budget primarily targets infrastructure enhancements.

Key initiatives include:

- Moyston Recreation Reserve Public Toilet Upgrade
- Pomonal Recreation Reserve Walking Track
- Buangor Ben Nevis Road Construction - Stage 1
- Projects that make up part of the Safer Local Roads and Street Program
- Reconstruction of Birdswing Road in conjunction with Northern Grampians Shire Council
- Upgrade of Footpaths, Drainage, and Kerb and Channel.
- Design and Construction of Moyston Willaura Road Bridge
- Construction of a major culvert at Barton Bridge.

These projects underscore the Council's commitment to improving local infrastructure and fostering community development in the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

Council's 2026/2027 Capital Works Program continues our shift to reintroduction of larger road and bridge construction projects. The program's budget has substantial state and federal funding targeting road construction and safety initiatives.

The focus for 2026/2027 remains on renewing and updating Council assets, leveraging in-house capabilities, and supporting local employment and contractors, and the tender of works with the expectation of possible budget savings in a softening construction market.

Key areas include:

- Enhanced roads reseal program.
- Urban drainage improvements
- Footpath network upgrades
- Major urban road gravel to seal program
- Continued implementation of OTTA seals across Councils road network
- Reconstruction of Buangor Ben Nevis Road
- Roads to Recovery funded projects (Moyston-Willaura Bridge and Stevens Crescent Reconstruction)
- Safe Local Roads and Street funding projects

The current works program is allocated as follows:

	Current Budget	Notes
PROPERTY -CAPITAL		
Property Capital	\$950,000	Moyston Recreation Reserve Toilet Block Ararat Tennis Club - Disabled toilet upgrade
PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Vehicle Purchases	\$240,000	
Major Plan Purchases	\$260,000	
Computer Equipment	\$45,000	Printer/Photocopier Upgrade
Bookstock	\$45,000	
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Roads		
Gravel Road Sheetting, Widening & Alternative Sealing	\$1,800,000	OTTA seals to be completed - - Logans Road - Tatyoan North Road - Sugarloaf Road - Noah's Ark Road - Elmhurst Township
Reseal Program	\$1,000,000	
Buangor Ben Nevis Road	\$6,250,000	Stage 1 works expected to commence in September 2026.
Road Reconstruction Program	\$1,457,000	Birdswing Road - NGSC Stevens Crescent, Ararat
Urban Road Gravel to Seal	\$1,000,000	Roads to be nominated.
Major Patching	\$100,000	
Kerb & Channel Renewal	\$300,000	Basham Street Kerb and Channel Lake Bolac - Kerb and Channel - Mortlake Ararat Road
Bridges	\$1,200,000	Moyston Willaura Road Bridge Barton Bridge replacement with major culvert
Footpaths & Cycleways	\$400,000	Albert Street, Ararat Main Street, Willaura (Warranooke to Ayrey) Grano Street, Ararat - connection to Abbatoirs
Urban Drainage Works	\$750,000	

PROJECTS CONTINUING FROM 25/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Notes
PROPERTY -CAPITAL	
Ararat Pony Club Arena	Completion of road entry, most other works are complete
Centenary Park Dog Park	Due for completion in August 2026 for Ministerial opening in early September
Buangor Sports Pavilion	For completion by November 2026
Jack and Jill Kindergarten	External works to be completed
Ararat City Tennis Lighting installation and accessibility upgrade.	
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Mt William Road	Due for completion 31 October 2026
Ararat Active Bike Network	
Queen Street Housing Support Program	Prestige Mill Site - works expected to be completed 2027
View point, Tobin & Taylor Street (SLRSP)	Due for completion 30/6/27

Ingor Street - Raised Crossing (SLRSP)	Due for completion 30/6/27
King Street - Raised Crossing (SLRSP)	Due for completion 30/6/27
Moore & Princes Street Intersection (SLRSP)	Due for completion 30/6/27
Vincent Street & Alexandra Avenue - Raised Crossing (SLRSP)	Due for completion 30/6/27
Queen & Moore Street - Roundabout - (SLRSP)	Due for completion 30/6/27
George Road - Raised Crossing (SLRSP)	Works at Ararat West PS. Due for completion 30/6/27

- SLRSP - Safer Local Roads and Streets Program

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

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Budget Implications

The 2026/2027 Capital Works Program represents a significant element of Council's 2026/2027 Budget. In the current civil construction market, it is essential that Council manages capital works expenditure carefully to ensure budget outcomes are met.

Policy/Relevant Law

The 2026/2027 Capital Works Program complies with the program funded in the 2026/2027 Budget.

Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications. Council is mindful of considering new innovative approaches to improve its sustainability and environmental footprint as part of the Capital Works program.

Risk Assessment

The 2026/2027 Capital Works Program was developed as a mitigation of the financial risks associated with market volatility currently being experienced in the civil and building construction sectors.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Development of the 2026/2027 Capital Works Program represented an agile response to market conditions. A capacity to rework strategy based on a changing environment is a critical element in developing an innovative organisation.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

The 2026/2027 Capital Works Program has been developed as an element of the 2026/2027 Budget. There was extensive community engagement undertaken prior to adoption.

Gender Impact Assessment

Each project will have its own Gender Impact Assessment completed.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *That Council receive the Capital Works Program - Annual Works Program 2026/27 report.*

**MOVED CR JOYCE
SECONDED CR R ARMSTRONG**

That:

1. **That Council receive the Capital Works Program - Annual Works Program 2026/27 report.**

Cr Joyce spoke for the motion.

**CARRIED 7/0
5392/26**

ATTACHMENTS

There are no Attachments relating to this item

4.6 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS - JUNE 2026

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 30315

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

Council received 13 applications for the June 2026 round of Community Support Grants. An assessment panel comprising two community members and the Deputy CEO assessed the applications and agreed to fund 10 of the applications, 5 to the full amount requested. The remainder to be offered a reduced amount as the applicants have applied for the maximum amount of event funding rather than the funding maximum of \$3000 eligible for their project. The rejected applications were due to the following reasons:

1. Event had received seed funding in previous rounds of grants and were ineligible for growth funding, therefore annual Sponsorship agreed upon instead
2. Application was not recommended for funding. The applicant will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss their plans and suitability for future grants

DISCUSSION

Community organisations are required to provide matching funding based on cash or in-kind contributions to support their project or event. Infrastructure projects are not included in the funding guidelines.

Council received 13 applications for the June 2026 round of Community Support Grants with a total amount of \$51,434.90 applied for. An assessment panel comprising two community members and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer assessed the applications and agreed to fund 10 of these. Of these applications, 5 applicants were awarded their requested amount and the other 5 awarded a reduced amount. The grants awarded totalling \$31,218.90.

The successful grants were as follows:

Community Organisation	Purpose	Amount requested	Amount granted
Ararat Golden Gateway Festival	Ararat Golden Gateway Festival Parade 2026 to be held Sunday 18 th October 2026. The grant will be awarded on the basis that the organisers increase promotion of the parade and the Ararat Show following the parade. ARCC Media can assist with this. They will also be encouraged to invite the local Primary School's participation.	\$5000	\$5000
Ararat Motorcycle Club	Scramble Track Upgrade - Bull dozer required to reform track to be made fit for purpose to cater for use for the under 18 age group which aims to bring in a younger generation of club members.	\$5950	\$3000
Ararat Rifle Club	A new digital target scoring system and construction of one new 50-yard shooting mound	\$5000	\$3000
Ararat Show Society	Crowd Control Fencing - to obtain portable crowd control fencing which will be used to control people from entering the Tractor Pull area, and other display or activity areas at the Show Grounds. It is envisaged that the fencing would also be used by other groups who use the Show Grounds throughout the year. Example CFA, Equestrian events, Woodies and others.	\$2160	\$2160

Ararat Women's Shed	Ararat Women's Shed Tuesday Threads Quilting Skillshare - to purchase a proper quilting sewing machine for the Tuesday Threads program, running from 1 May to 15 December 2026. The machine is a specialist quilting machine that allows the group to complete the final quilting stage that ordinary domestic machines cannot manage. The group will be encouraged to utilise this purchase as a potential income stream. They could finish of quilts for others who do not have the required machine to do so and charge a small amount to go back into their group.	\$4532	\$3000
Buangor Events Committee	Buangor Motor Show - On 17th October 2026, the Buangor community will host its inaugural Motor Show. Designed as an annual, or biennial inclusive event, there will be a focus on food, market stalls, live music and a fireworks display to compliment the static display of cars, trucks, tractors and bikes.	\$5000	\$5000
Elmhurst Bush Market	Elmhurst Bush Market 2026 - Coordinated by the Bush Market Group, the market is held on the spacious grounds of the Elmhurst Golf Course. The market showcases local produce, home-grown goods, artisans, and small businesses. Although an event application, it appears they want some funds to cover insurance which we are not willing to cover, as this is a requirement they should be able to meet for an annual event. Reduced amount applied for this reason.	\$3500	\$3000
Friends of Gum San Inc	Gum San Railing - To erect metal railings with metal stanchions on the right side of the steep concrete path to improve safety for those accessing the side entrance of Gum San.	\$3134	\$3000
Grampians Gariwerd Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR)	RAR - Catering for our Community - Project Aim: To purchase equipment and resources such as tongs, eski's insulated food carriers, chopping boards etc. to enable the Grampians Gariwerd Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) group to continue to cater for multicultural and community events.	\$1058.90	\$1058.90
Lake Bolac & District Little Athletics Centre	Lake Bolac & District Athletics Elite Coaching Clinic to be held Sunday 15 th November 2026. This project aligns strongly with the Sport and Recreation category by increasing access to high quality, inclusive physical activity opportunities for children and young people across the region. The Coaching Day will provide specialised coaching across ten athletics disciplines, delivered by Athletics Australia-accredited Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4 coaches. Athletes from all 20 centres within the Western Country Region will be invited to participate, offering a rare opportunity for rural families to access elite level instruction locally.	\$3000	\$3000
TOTAL:		\$31,218.90	

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

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 implications

The grants were all made within existing budgetary allocations

Policy / Relevant Law

Community & Event Support Guidelines

Sustainability Implications

There are no economic, social or environmental implications in relation to the item

Risk Assessment

Risks have been assessed and understood by the grants committee. No unmanaged risks identified at this time.

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

The outcome of each grant was made in conjunction between the two external panel members and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Gender Impact Assessment

Assessment panel is majority female. Gender equality implications of the grant applications were considered as part of the assessment.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *That Council receive the Community Support Grants - June 2026 report.*

MOVED CR J ARMSTRONG SECONDED CR PRESTON

That:

1. **That Council receive the Community Support Grants - June 2026 report.**

Cr J Armstrong and Cr Preston spoke for the motion.

**CARRIED 7/0
5393/26**

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments relating to this item

4.7 COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES' HALF YEAR REPORT

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 30316

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

A Community Asset Committee (CAC) is a committee with powers of the Council, established and with members appointed by Council. Powers are delegated by the Chief Executive Officer, subject to the terms and conditions specified by the Chief Executive Officer, for the purpose of managing a community asset in the municipal district

Section 47(6) of the Local Government Act 2020 states that a Chief Executive Officer must submit an annual report to the Council in relation to the activities and performance of a Community Asset Committee in respect of which the members have been given a delegation under this section.

DISCUSSION

Chief Executive Officer Update:

I have attended a variety of different meetings of Council's CACs over the past six months since the last report to Council. These include but are not limited to:

Ordinary Committee and Annual General Meetings;

Meetings to discuss the future of the Community Asset Committees and the way forward; and

Discussion relating to the redevelopment or development of current facilities.

Our Community Assets continue to be used for a variety of activities such as tennis, pickleball, theatre productions, high teas, comedy/musical artists, markets & flower shows.

Council provides library outreach and digital literacy sessions on a weekly basis.

Streatham Hall continues to be open on Friday afternoons as the Streatham Recovery Hub for residents affected by the January fire, to access services and connect with Agencies.

Moyston Recreation Reserve is now an official Community Asset Committee of Council. Council can now undertake repairs to these facilities in the same way it provides maintenance and repair services for our other committees.

I will continue to work with Committees to ensure that the standard of facilities are maintained for future generations. Council has a project management budget to upgrade these facilities as required, together with the Facilities Maintenance Grant for 2025/26 paid to each Committee in the past six months for anything needed to maintain or improve their facility.

Our CAC members perform a brilliant service to our communities. Their contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities is huge and without their passion, hard work and energy our community life would be greatly diminished. I enjoy working with our CACs and wish to express my admiration for their work.

I provide the following report in relation to the activities of CACs.

1 Community Asset Committee - Meetings Minutes

The following table outlines the recent meetings held by the Community Asset Committees.

Minutes provided as an attachment show that the Committee members have been very busy over the past six months, with general maintenance requirements, event preparation and future planning for their facilities.

Community Asset Committee	Meetings held during the report period	Meetings advised	scheduled
Alexandra Hall	26 February 2026	Quarterly scheduled.	meetings
Buangor Community Sports Centre	11 February 2026, 11 March 2026, April, May, June (no minutes supplied)	Monthly meetings scheduled.	
Elmhurst Public Hall	11 February 2026, 13 May 2026	No meetings scheduled.	
Lake Bolac Memorial Hall	No meetings held.	No meetings scheduled.	
Maroona Recreation Reserve	No meetings held.	No meetings scheduled.	
Mininera Recreation Reserve	25 March 2026 (AGM & ordinary)	No meetings scheduled.	
Moyston Public Hall	10 February 2026, 11 May 2026	Regular meetings scheduled.	
Pomonal Hall and Recreation Reserve	9 February 2026, 16 March 2026, 20 April 2026, 15 June 2026	20 July 2026 & monthly meetings scheduled.	
Streatham Memorial Hall	No meetings held.	No meetings scheduled.	
Tatyoan Hall and Recreation Reserve	2 March 2026	No meetings scheduled.	
Warrak Public Hall	No meetings held.	No meetings scheduled.	
Wickliffe Recreation Reserve	No meetings held.	No meetings scheduled.	
Willaura Memorial Hall	5 February 2026, 2 April 2026, 10 June 2026	Bi-monthly scheduled.	meetings
Willaura Recreation Reserve	16 February 2026, 20 April 2026, 16 June 2026	Bi-monthly scheduled.	meetings
Yalla-Y-Poorra Community Centre	No meetings held.	No meetings scheduled.	

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

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

4 DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING KEY ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE

We will ensure that we plan, fund and develop new infrastructure in ways that deliver strong public value. Existing infrastructure will be managed, renewed, and maintained to ensure that it continues to serve identified public needs.

4.2 Work directly with asset users to manage and develop new and existing assets.

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.

5.2 Develop models of volunteering that recognise, support and properly utilise the skills that community volunteers bring to community life.

Budget Implications

All Community Asset Committee projects or maintenance funding are allocated in the current Council budget. Community Asset Committees report on their finances at their meetings.

Policy/Relevant Law

The Local Government Act, section 47(6) states that a Chief Executive Officer must submit an annual report to the Council in relation to the activities and performance of a Community Asset Committee in respect of which the members have been given a delegation under this section.

Sustainability Implications

All economic, social and environmental implications were considered when writing this report.

Risk Assessment

Not reporting the Community Asset Committees activities and performance to Council would breach the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 2020, in particular section 47(6).

Stakeholder Collaboration and Community Engagement

The Chief Executive Officer has attended the majority of Community Asset Committees since the last report in February 2026.

The Community Asset Committees consist of Committee members who volunteer their time to manage the facilities on Council's behalf.

Gender Impact Assessment

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *That the Community Asset Committee Half Year Report be received.*

MOVED CR R ARMSTRONG SECONDED CR WATERSTON

That:

1. **That the Community Asset Committee Half Year Report be received.**

No Councillors spoke for or against the motion.

**CARRIED 7/0
5394/26**

ATTACHMENTS

Community Asset Committee Meeting Minutes provided as Attachment 4.7

ALEXANDRA HALL
COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD IN THE GUIDE HALL
THURSDAY 26/02/2026 7:00PM

WELCOME:

Chairman Wayne Gason extended a welcome to everyone present.

PRESENT:

J. Gunstone, H.Lockland, M.Egan, K.Leggett
W.Gason

APOLOGIES:

R.Cocu & C.Healy

K.Leggett

That apologies be accepted.

H.Lockland

CARRIED

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24/07/2025

M.Egan

Minutes of the Meeting

H.Lockland

held 26/11/2025, subject to the
Balance Sheet adjustment notified, be
received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Main Hall the possible painting of the interior was discussed, and dealt with in General
Business

Guide Hall . Unused out of date items stored here have not been claimed to date.

What is the next move for the removal of same?

President Wayne and Ms.K.Leggett will endeavour to bring to a closure.

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

1 From Powercor advising their customers on staying safe and where to contact for
faults and emergencies etc. in Guide Hall. New notice to be placed in meter box

.OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

1...TO A.R.C.C Enclosing Minutes of meetings held 27/11/2025

M.Egan

That Inwards Correspondence be

H.lockland

received and Outwards be approved

CARRIED

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TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 20/02/2026

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Hall Hire		Power	
Badminton Ass'n	\$560.00	Main Hall	\$609.35
Badminton Casual	\$25.00	Guide Hall	\$202.02
Table Tennis	\$200.00	Stationery/Post	\$10.00
Trash & Treasure	\$260.00	Cleaning Reqs.	\$77.90
TOTAL	<u>\$1,045.00</u>		<u>\$899.27</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance C/F	\$20,749.25.	Bank Statement	\$20,894.98
Plus Income	<u>\$1,045.00</u>		
	<u>\$21,794.25</u>		
Less expenditure -	199.27		
TOTAL	<u>\$20,894.98</u>		<u>\$20,894.98</u>

BANK STATEMENT BALANCE **\$20,894.98**

TERM DEPOSIT BALANCE

\$47,862.92 + Interest \$2,153.83 = **\$50,016.75**
Due 11/01/2027

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE **\$70,911.73**

Treasurer presented a receipt for reimbursement, cleaning requirements \$36.10.

Treasurer advised of amendment to Treasurers Report 26/11/25 INCOME, Council Maintenance Grant was **\$3,600.00** NOT \$3,400.00 and Guide Hall Income **\$400.00** NOT \$600.00. No difference to the overall total income.

Bank Reconciliation Total amount **\$20,749.25** NOT \$20,749.20 Please make your adjustments on the previous Minutes and accept my apologies for the errors.

K.Leggett
H.Lockland

That the Treasurer's Report be received,
the amendments listed above be agreed
with & reimbursement of \$36.10 paid
to the Treasurer **CARRIED**

Further discussion was held with a suggestion once the possible painting etc of Alex.Hall interior and any further maintenance was complete it may be possible to place further funds in Term Deposit.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR COMMITTEE. Approaches have been made to a number of community organisations to consider joining the Committee but we have not received any response as yet.

POSSIBLE PAINTING OF MAIN HALL.

Plea from Badminton, please do not make walls lighter as the badminton shuttles cannot be seen against a light back ground. President suggested some samples of painted board be placed in the hall for a number of weeks and obtain opinions other than Committee on the most suitable choice. (The current lining, painting, and erection was all donated by the Badminton Association around 1964 or 65)

K.Leggett

That we paint two samples of colour on suitable material for the walls, to ascertain the suitability for ongoing use.

M.Egan

CARRIED

ARARAT CANINE AND OBEDIENCE CLUB REPORT

Representatives of the club were unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. Secretary was advised that due to ongoing costs of Insurance and other matters the club are in the process of closing the club. The outstanding account owing paid in full.

ARARAT FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB

Wish to hire the main hall for the club ball in May or June .

Do members have any comments. ?

Charge? They would require Friday, Saturday , and Sunday probably.

Cleaning cost for floor by professionals, Bond,

Members discussed the request for the hire from the Football Club but not everyone was in agreement. This was following two previous occasions when damage was done to the floor by some type of heater, and another when serving of alcohol was responsible for running into storage/ box seating and damaging sporting equipment stored there. Both these occasions were following the hiring off this group.

K.Leggett

That we approve hire of the hall subject to Conditions of use being agreed upon.

J. Gunstone

CARRIED.

ALL USER GROUPS

Will be written to advising of conditions of hire regarding the correct way of cleaning and replenishing ALL REQUIREMENTS, hand wash, toilet rolls hand towel paper, sweeping floors, rubbish bin liners and also empty bins. Each group has a cleaning cupboard key on their key ring, check both cupboards, for supplies before advising supplies are not there.

MAINTENANCE ITEMS ALEX HALL & GUIDE HALL.

1. Skirting on Collings St entrance.
2. Check if East Facing door surround fixed.
3. Guide Hall has tiles missing R.H.S of sink.

NEXT MEETING date JULY 30TH 2026. AT 7:00PM FOLLOWED BY
ANNUAL MEETING AT 7:40PM

Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:45pm

W.GASON Chairman

February Minutes 2026

BCSC General Meeting- 11.02.2026

Open-6:40pm

Closed- 7:04pm

Attending – Josiah, John, Ben, Lauren, Mary, Shayne, Marie, Margaret, Natalie, Dave

Apologies – Tim, Poach, Adrian

Welcome to Country – Djab Wurrung

I wish to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.

Correspondence –

Special Guest -

Items to Discuss-

Treasures Report – (Moved- John Second -Ben)

Previous Minutes – (Moved-Mary Second-John)

* C&C Renos - Paul and Co have been having some progress at the C&C. Wait till Feb ish and re-visit Crickets again. Will call him after the easter break..ONGOING **** Where are we at with this? Dave URGENT 12 month extension PITCH

*Kitchen -Russell from Hotondo Homes is the designer with his team. It is going ahead, and has to be finished September 2026. Bec from council is pricing tiles for the front of the pavilion and will check the budget. The committee will work on how to raise some funds. The fireplace will need to be removed before works start, the Pavilion needs to be completely cleared out as well. Funds for flooring towards the end of the build. Septic will be the decider on how things pan out hoping towards after xmas, will be an sms system. Only heard things about the septic but nothing has happened so far. Need to make a formal enquiry about why the delay to council. Dave will email the council tomorrow.

*Truck Show - Meetings 3rd Wednesday every month. Gaining steam meeting next week.

* Dave has a live band T Bones ready to go at any point. Country rock/swing Dave is looking at booking them now as they need 12 monthish notice - In the pipe line for the motorshow, Dave is waiting for correspondence from them.

*Fenny's going to clean the creek up & Skiddy. - Dave & Pitch speaking with FFM, DEECA, Landcare, Eastern Maar - Ongoing. Fenny Skiddy Dave Pitch Still waiting to hear, Dave will follow up with them about it.

* Comedy Night Feb 14th 3 Comedians contemplating catering for the event being Valentines day.. Loz Changed dynamic due to no interest. No extra tickets sold online. Working Bee Saturday. Mowing needs to be done before Saturday John is going to give it a buzz over. Friday 4PM Working bee.

*Holes in the oval to be dressed. 5-6 meters of sandy loam over the other side of the oval. Working Bee! ONGOING

* Pool Table to be purchased after the new build. . Dave

*Andale and Font to be replaced after build.

*Tennis Court upgrade

*Lift for Cobb & Co

* Buangor P.S Good Friday Fish n Chip Night, Increase ticket price, Kezz and Poach to source the same fish, need a

new cook for the night.

FUTURE

* SHED and we want to call it something catchy (run a comp to name it). The Council will help fund it, looking at talking with the schools about getting kids involved with an excursion to start with then look at branching out to an after school program or weekend program. Name /purpose /members. DYER

*Cricket nets/Shed Drainage needs scoria and drainage - Working bee - Cricket had a working bee *Shelter over

*Picnic Table Needs Solar Lighting

* Elvis/Tom Jones Night- Set a Date. - **Pitch**

*Car Rally - Kez and Sally

Community Dates to be mindful of:

- 7th February Cricket Beaufort
- 14th February Cricket Beaufort
- 14th February Comedy Night
- 21st February Cricket Beaufort
- 28th February Cricket Beaufort
- 25th of March Council - Budget Engagement Session - 10:30am - 11:30am
- 3rd April Buangor P.S Fish n Chip Night

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Title	Discussion	Who is following up	
Good Friday	Fish n Chip night, price, stock, cook???		
Bar Staff	Getting extra bar staff for a roster to give skiddy a break - possibly local person.		
Cleaning	Do not be using the blower in the building, it is to be kept in the cricket shed. Creating too much dust in fans, on stock - not hygienic. It also sends dust upstairs,		
Thank You	Loz would like to pass on a thank you from Sparks and Jodie's family to everyone that banded together for Jodie's funeral and wake, it meant a lot to them. Loz would like to thank everyone for all their help. It was beautiful and meant a lot, Jodie would be tickled pink!		

:: Meeting closed: 7.04pm

Next meeting Wednesday 11th March 2026

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INC. AD001188L

Income & Expenditure

Buangor Community Sports Centre Inc

For the period 10 December 2025 to 11 February 2026

Account **10 Dec 2025-11 Feb 2026**

Trading Income

Drink sales	4,717.50
Other Revenue	5,069.20
Total Trading Income	9,786.70

Gross Income **9,786.70**

Operating Expenses

Bank Fees	118.69
Bar expenses	3,193.34
Entertainment	3,550.00
General Expenses	1,037.08
Insurance	621.00
Licences, fees & registration	343.17
Light, Power, Heating	1,730.47
Repairs and Maintenance	1,462.66
Total Operating Expenses	12,056.41

Net Loss **(2,269.71)**

Treasurer's notes:

Not included this month: \$3,817 payment made today to premix king. Hopefully we recoup some/all of the comedy booking amount of \$3,450. Early (double) payment made to ARCC of \$1244.99 for electricity in error, means we're paid up for the next few months for power.



Ararat Rural City

AGM

MEETING MINUTES

Committee of Management: Mininera Recreation Reserve

Date of Annual General Meeting: 25.3.26

Time of Meeting: 7pm

Venue: _____

Present:-	
Chairperson:	Garry Meek
Minute taker:	Sharon Meek
Committee Members:	Judy Parsons, Abbie Cameron, Phil & Irene Meek, Linda Calks, Les Meek, Ash Philpott, Jane Fox
Council Officers:	Rebecca Rogers
Others:	
Apologies:	Justin Little, Conna Wilson, Rowdy Parsons
Quorum Failure Time:	☒ Yes ☐ No If no, Failure Time: A quorum shall be a majority of members of the committee. No business shall be conducted by the committee unless a quorum exists.

Conflict of Interest	CAC Members:
Declarations:	Council Officers:

Welcome by Chairperson: Name Garry Meek

Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM	That the minutes of the previous AGM of the ☒ Committee held on ☒ be confirmed Moved: <u>Judy</u> Seconded: <u>Linda</u> Outcome: <u>CARRIED</u>
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Item: Annual Management Report			
Chairperson's Report	Garry thanked the council for their ongoing support - with new carpet + blinds and sewerage - new toilets underway.		
Injuries and Accidents Report	Hoping the water pipeline will still be a		
Maintenance Undertaken for Financial Year	possibly by waiting - approval from G.W.M. Dr. Tim still working on it		
Evaluation of Operations			

Mover xx/Seconder xx

That the Chairpersons Report be received and adopted.

State of play: Chops spread fertilizer
Tiro game to be played early May.
Usual problems with bore water

Item: Secretary's Report

Lighting Rebecca hoping we are eligible for
a grant for added lighting. Technicians had
inspected & hopefully be approved by June end.

Item: General Business

Discussion	Action Items	Responsible	Due
Rebecca also hoping to carry out lighting to netball courts as well.			
Pump was broken at Harvester ball. Rebecca offered for council to pay \$1,174 repair bill.			

Mover xx/Seconder xx

That the General Business Report be adopted.

CARRIED

Financial Information:

What is your typical annual turnover: ie. Total income and total expenses for a year. Please complete the following table

Garry read Peter's report
Financial Statement Balance \$16,756.78
For end of financial year: (Insert end of year date)

Income	\$ Amount
Trading Receipts (sales, merchandise, etc)	
Memberships/fees/subscriptions for members	
Fundraising receipts	
Grants (Government/Corporate)	
Donations	
Sponsorships	
Bank Interest Received	
Gate Takings	
Other income (specify)	
Total Income (A)	\$
Expenditure	
Trading costs (eg. Bar stock, merchandise, etc)	
Rent/hire (hall, meeting room, equipment, etc)	
Water, rates, gas, electricity, insurance, etc	
Salaries and Wages	
Superannuation	
Workcare	
Office expenses (stationery, postage, phone, etc)	
Fundraising costs	
Bank fees and charges	
Provision for Capital/Asset replacement (eg. Buildings, facilities, courts, etc)	

Other (specify)		
Total Expenditure (B)		\$
Surplus (A-B)		\$
What was your current Asset balance at _____ (insert end of year date): Please complete the following table		
Assets		\$ Amount
Cash in hand or in the bank		
Value of the Stock on Hand		
Amounts owed to debtors		
Property, equipment, furnishings		
Investments (eg. Term deposits)		
Investment for Asset Replacement		
Other (specify)		
Total Assets (C)		\$
Liabilities		
Amounts owing to others (Creditors)		
Loans (outstanding balance)		
Provision for Asset Replacement		
Other (specify)		
Total Liabilities (D)		\$
Equity (C-D)		\$

Mover xx/Seconder xx

That the Treasurers Report be received and adopted.

CARRIED Rebecca declared all seats vacant.

Re-elected - Garry Meek President.

Next Meeting:

Date: Insert

Time: Insert

Venue: Insert

Shane Meek Secretary

Justine Lister Treasurer.

Forward meeting dates: List for next 12 months

• Meeting closed 7.30pm

Meeting closed at: Insert Time

Minutes to be forwarded to Council's Coordinator Works Administration within 14 days of meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES:

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Meeting Date Minutes are confirmed:

Chairperson Signature & Date:



Mininera Recreation Reserve

FINANCIAL REPORT

25 March 2026

Income	\$ Amount
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ARCC facilities grant	\$ 6,000.00
SMW Rovers 2025 Facility hire	\$ 1,622.70
Facility hire (Meek \$100)	\$ 100.00
Christmas party (Weatherly family, SMW Rovers still to transfer remainder)	\$ 50.00
Total Income (A)	\$ 7,788.38
Expenditure	
Power	\$ 451.43
Consumer affairs (4 years)	\$ 192.10
Pest control	\$ 523.00
Christmas party meat	\$ 134.10
Total Expenditure (B)	\$ 1,300.63
Surplus (A minus B)	\$ 6,487.75
Balance at last meeting 3rd Nov 2025	\$ 269.03
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Balance	\$ 6,756.78

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MEETING MINUTES

Committee of Management: Mininera Rec Reserve
Date of Meeting: 25.3.26
Time of Meeting: 7.30pm
Venue: Mininera Rec

Present:-	
Chairperson:	Garry Meek
Minute taker:	Sharon Meek
Committee Members:	Judy Paterson, Linda Calks, Tara Box, Les Meek Ash Quinlivan, Phil + Irene Meek Abbie Cameron
Council Officers:	Rebecca Rogers
Apologies:	Derine Lister, Rowly Paterson Conna Wilson
Quorum Failure Time:	Yes No If no, Failure Time: A quorum shall be a majority of members of the committee. No business shall be conducted by the committee unless a quorum exists.

Conflict of Interest	CAC Members:
Declarations:	Council Officers:
Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting	That the minutes of the previous meeting of the xx Committee held on xx/xx xxxx be confirmed Moved: Ash Seconded: Abbie Outcome: CARRIED / LOST

Item: Business Arising Out of the Previous Meeting			
Discussion – List Business	Action Items	Responsible	Due
Courts – Linda has ordered 'wet + forger' to clean netball courts. Cost around \$200			
Rec to contribute \$1000, Tennis club \$500 + netball club \$500			
Main Gate has been damaged by a tree mca sign collapsed + brick work damaged			
Mover: xx /Seconder: xx damaged Tara Box offered to That the business arising out of the Previous Meeting report be received.			
CARRIED re correct with the help of Tigg...			
Tara asked Rebecca about purchasing new mower. She suggested applying for a grant for windmills - \$7,500 available			
Item: Secretary's Report			
Discussion about Trophy Cabinet			
James Lister is a cabinet maker and 3 options			

Correspondence – Outwards			
Discussion – List Correspondence	Action Items	Responsible	Due
Council has generously raised a maintenance allowance from \$4000 to \$6,000.			
Correspondence – Outwards			
Discussion – List Correspondence	Action Items	Responsible	Due

Mover xx/Seconder xx

That the Secretary's report including correspondence be received.

CARRIED Les + Phil

Item: Treasurer's Report			
The Treasurer's Report includes receipts and expenditure of the period just passed and shows the balance in hand. Attach the Treasurers report. The Treasurer moves for the adoption of the report.			
Discussion	Action Items	Responsible	Due
Same as AGM.			
Balance	\$6,756.		

Mover xx/Seconder xx

That the Treasurers Report be adopted.

CARRIED Abbie, Linda

Item: Sub-Committee/Working Group Reports (if any)			
Sub-Committee & Discussion	Action Items	Responsible	Due
Garry thanked Danny Camera for removing messy trees behind the rec			
Nic Byrne negotiating with sewerage people to use their crane to lift light towers.			

Mover xx/Seconder xx

That the Sub-Committee/Working Group Report be adopted.

CARRIED

Item: Agenda Items			
Discussion	Action Items	Responsible	Due
1. Maintenance Undertaken (standing Agenda item)			
A working bee organised for Sunday 29 th Nov			
Hoping to lay wood chips at playground.			
Judy offered tree handler.			

Mover xx/Seconder xx

That the Standing Agenda Items Report be adopted.

CARRIED

Item: General Business			
Discussion	Action Items	Responsible	Due
Discussion on new tables.			
Rebecca asked council assistance			
5 or 6 new tables.			

Mover xx/Seconder xx

That the General Business Report be adopted.

CARRIED

Meeting closed 8pm

Next Meeting:

Date: Insert

Time: Insert

Venue: Insert

Forward meeting dates: List for next 12 months

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Meeting closed at: Insert Time

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Chairperson Signature & Date:

Moyston Business Meeting Feb 10 7pm

Present: Jim Hall, Jim Crowe, Jan Crowe, Sue Kennedy, Bryan Kennedy, Chandra Willmott

Minutes of last meeting: Moved Jan Crowe, 2nd Jim Hall

Business Arising: Screen to hide lift to be organized by Bryan with Men's shed.

Lock Box: Robert, Sue and Jim Hall have got keys.

Instrument of delegation to be handed out by Jim Hall at a later time.

Food Registration Certificate has been given by council. Lasts 12 months.

Moyston school received 2 student scholarships.

Robert has screwed key cupboard to wall and Garry has put lock on office.

Coffee machine been used when shop closed, thank you Jim Hall.

Wedding booking for hall has been cancelled.

Treasurers Report: Jim Hall circulated and a net deficit of \$1814.89 for the quarter and a closing balance of \$21940.65, Report acceptance Moved Jim Crowe, 2nd Bryan.

New Business: Last Water bill unusually high at \$150 due to leak in one of the men's urinals. Normally bill is around \$15. Jim will establish a customer portal so he can monitor in future.

Electricity also up because Federal govt has removed their rebates. Jim has been in touch with Origin Energy to get a cheaper plan but not able to do so as Moyston hall does not have an ABN.

Update on landscaping: Ron has supplied plans and quotes of \$5000 and plumbing \$3100, other costs \$23,261.21 not including labour. Roller door included. (Quotes may be outdated) Jim and Robert to take this to council to see if we can obtain funding. Chandra to set up a meeting. Steps and drainage form a large part of the quoted works.

Next high tea booked out for Feb 22 set up on 19th. Anne Marshall's last scone making tea.

Piano day: Catering by local groups March 1st at 2pm. Various musical items have been organized. Choir will also perform. Violinist Peter Baxter will perform.

Runaway Strings performance maybe April 17 or 18. New album coming out. We will charge \$100. They will do own advertising and organise tickets. April 18 (Saturday may work best) Our try booking may be available. Jim can possibly organize.

Moyston Theatre group: May show (Stockman and his rose). Cast members pay gold coin each rehearsal. Working with children register to be done. Photo permission forms.

Jan Crowe: Progress association are painting rotunda. Suggests to give a donation. Good idea to get a quote so we can work out how much to donate. Discuss at next high tea.

Jan Crowe wants us to put up price of high tea from \$25 to \$30. Moved Jan Crowe 2nd Jim Hall. Starting at May High Tea. Register on Try Booking from next high tea.

Curtains cleaned with fire retardant etc, query due Chandra to check what regulations are.

Piano Tuning Sue Kennedy suggests to do. Wait till put in final resting place. We need to decide where piano is to be placed. Do this at close of meeting.

Bryan: Evening meal at Barney's for Sue and Peter's farewell. Feb 27 or 28. Jan to book 14. Chalambar may be another alternative.

Pitch need hall March 5 and 6 Thurs and Fri.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Agenda Moyston Hall Meeting May 11 2026 7pm

Present: Brian and Sue Kennedy, Jan Crowe, Chandra Willmott, Robert O'Connell, Jim Hall, Garry Tierney

Apologies: Jim Crowe

Minutes Moved Jan 2nd Bryan (Amendment to add Robert O'Connell and Garry Tierney as present)

Financial Report (Jim Hall): Surplus of \$5065.72 for period from 11th February to 11th May so now \$27046.37 in kitty. Moved Jim and 2nd Bryan

Business Arising: Customer portal for Grampians Water: Not done as yet.

Landscaping plan to council for their input/support. Has this happened or do we need to still organize with Chandra? Chandra suggests we meet at the hall with council representatives next week, Thursday May 21 at 1200. All in favour.

February 22 High Tea report: Sue: Rosie Nater came to help. Income was \$1150 with full bookings. Jan says there needs to be adequate room between tables for safety.

March 1st Musical/Piano day was a success with Sue and Peter Horvath in attendance for their farewell. Any further comment? Great success with lots of children playing piano. Sue thanked Peter Baxter. Music teachers are keen to repeat the programme later in the year.

Runaway Strings concert report. Really good night with not many in attendance.

Moyston Theatre group show "Stockman and his rose" plans to hold event. This is not happening.

Any news regarding quote to paint the Rotunda and our proposed donation. Sue: Progress applied for a grant and they got \$1000 and they needed \$5000 for the job. Jan suggests we give them \$1500. Moved by Jan 2nd Bryan.

Hall Piano has been tuned: Thank you Sue for organizing this.

Pitch use of hall on March 5 and 6. Report. Hall was cleaned very well. They were very grateful for use of hall

Curtain cleaning and fireproofing regulations, still awaiting Chandra's response: (Curtains last cleaned 2 years ago). Chandra says a number of years between cleaning/treating is ok so long as not too dusty/in direct sunlight etc. So no need to take action on this for few more years.

New Business:

Sue: High Tea: May 31st. Set up on Thursday 28th May. Bookings almost full. Helpers have been organized.

Moving the Defibrillator from inside of hall to outside for easier public access. We should remove to outside of the hall. Can register with an app so people can locate it. Council meeting next Thursday to further discuss.

July community dinner: do we want to hold one and should we ask Teli again? Decided not to go ahead with this as it is quite a lot of work. Moved Jim, 2nd Robert.

Any further items?

Jan: what part of the hall do we look after? Most of the inside. Jim suggests we discuss further with council at meeting next week. Chandra says Roof and gutters are council responsibility and will be done annually prior to fire season. External painting is council, internal painting is hall. Maintaining grounds is hall.

Jim: Neil Murray is due to do a show on Saturday 3rd October. Robert will organize lighting. We are organizing ticketing (Jim will set up Try Booking for him opening July 1st). Tickets ?\$35 or \$40. Decide at next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 11 at 7pm.

Minutes of the Pomonal Community Asset Committee Meeting on 9th February 2026 at 7pm

Meeting details	
Chairperson	Rachel Whittaker
Location	Pomonal Hall
Present	Rebecca Rodgers (ARCC), Clayton Mackley, John Matthews, Emily Dalkin, Michelle Stewart, Andrea Shelley
Apologies	
Acknowledgement of Country	"I begin today by acknowledging the Djab Wurrung and Jardwardjali people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present"
Purpose	To manage,maintain,develop and promote the use of the Pomonal Hall and recreation reserve on behalf of the Ararat Rural City Council.
Previous Minutes/Items	Motion : That the minutes from the November 17th 2025 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Moved:Andrea Shelley Seconded: Rachel Whittaker

Pomonal Hall regular user update and discussion.		
Group	Discussion	Representative
Tennis	Pickleball markings in red are now painted on the far tennis court alongside basketball and tennis markings.Pickleball games will be played on Sundays afternoons until winter and then moved indoors to the Hall space depending on other Hall bookings. There are a few minor maintenance jobs to be done when working bees are decided on.	Action- Michelle
PPA	New storage place for wine bottles presently in the meeting room cupboard to be found.	Action- John

Pomonal Hall regular user update and discussion.		
	• CAC asked for formal notice of any near miss incidents that may occur during market days. • The Anzac memorial will be put in place on the Hall grounds soon.	Action - Pomonal Market co-ordinators Action-John and Rebecca
Mens Shed	• Information re CAC to have access to the shed.	Action - Names of 3 people with keys to Mens shed has been given to Andrea
APS GG	• Weeding, pruning and mulching in the garden areas around the Hall was discussed. The Landmate group that ARCC uses will be asked for a quote. • Cortensteel, Rust Metal edging around borders of the beds to be considered. • Pruning of Royal Mantle groundcover near the Hall side wall to be done prior to battery installation	Action - Rebecca Action- CAC Action- Clayton and Andrea
Pomonal Cricket Club	• The cricket club mower will be stored in the Hall shed when the door is altered. • CAC has been informed that all cricket games for February and March have been moved to Moyston oval due to present ground damage caused by flocks of cockatoos. Repair of oval in winter months to be discussed with ARCC and CAC.	Action - Clayton Action -Clayton and ARCC
Other	No other Pomonal local group representative was present.	

Community Assets Committee General Business		
Items	Discussion	Who

Community Assets Committee General Business		
Actions from previous meeting to be confirmed as completed	- Term deposit set up with Bendigo Bank. A motion was presented after discussion about future expenditure. - Motion : For \$20,000 to be invested in a Sandhurst Select 90 Fund with Bendigo Bank. Moved : Rachel Whittaker Seconded: John Matthews - A stocktake of items held in the Hall is nearly completed. - The Masterplan update from ARCC has been completed and will be delivered to CAC for viewing. A community meeting for viewing and ideas will be arranged. - The Acoustic panels have been installed on the Hall rooms. Thankyou was given to Rebecca Rodger and ARCC. CAC did notice a difference. - The rubbish bin surround relocation will happen soon. - Information from Chandra Willcot ARCC is that the Pomonal Hall will be closed on a Catastrophic Day when this is determined by CFA. This information will be asked to be put into the next Community newsletter. - The generator given to CAC from ARCC to be used for a local power outage will be offered to Nadya Millar as a long term loan for use at the Pomonal General store.	Action: Emily Action: Andrea Action: All Action: Rebecca Rodgers Action: Andrea Action: Andrea
Treasurers report	Motion: That the Financial Statement from November 17th 2025 to 9th February 2026 be accepted as a true account.	Moved: Emily Dalkin Seconded: Michelle Stewart
Correspondence	See attached list, discussion was had on relevant items in General business	
Bookings	All approved the new Hall bookings presented.	Action: Andrea and Emily

Community Assets Committee General Business		
	Annual booking forms and fees for regular community groups are in the process of being sent out.	
Maintenance and works update	2026 Hall cleaning plan to be discussed at March meeting. - Rubbish bin surround relocation - Repair of mosaic tower post - Organisation of Hall contents in storage sheds and inside areas to continue prior to March 16 th meeting - CAC decided insect spraying is not required at this time.	Action: All Action: Rebecca Rodgers Action: Andrea to contact Steve Field to do this. Action: All
New Business		
2026 plan for CAC actions	Listing priorities for purchases, maintenance etc for CAC to do in 2026 will be discussed at the 16 th March meeting.	Action: All to present ideas.
Incident at Pomonal market on 25/1/2026	Details of the incident have been sent to ARCC. A QR code for reporting future incidents will be considered to be set up in the Hall for notifying ARCC.	Action: Rebecca Rodgers
Battery for Pomonal Hall	ARCC has received a grant of 95% of the cost for installation of an energy resilience battery at Pomonal Community Hall. ARCC has contributed the remaining 5%. Indigo Power has been selected as the project contractor. This will supply back up power to the Hall in event of a power outage and reduce our energy bills. Council will own the battery. Installation is expected between May and August 2026(TBC) Thanks were given to Rebecca Rodgers ARCC, for organising the grant for this.	Action: Indigo power and ARCC

Community Assets Committee General Business		
	The battery will be located on the outside wall between the toilet entrance and the large window.	
Pomonal Hall Volunteers	ARCC Volunteer Registration forms will be given to those who would like to assist CAC in some of our actions. This provides them with some liability insurance cover.	Action : Andrea

Meeting closed 2020 pm
Next meeting: March 16 at 7 pm.

**Minutes of the Pomonal Community Asset Committee
Meeting on 16th March 2026 at 7pm**

Meeting details	
Chairperson	Michelle Stewart
Location	Pomonal Hall
Present	Emily Dalkin, John Matthews, Clinton Mackley, Andrea Shelley and Rebecca Rodgers (ARCC)
Apologies	Rachel Whitaker
Acknowledgement of Country	"I begin today by acknowledging the Djab Wurrung and Jardwardjali people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present"
Purpose	To manage,maintain,develop and promote the use of the Pomonal Hall and recreation reserve on behalf of the Ararat Rural City Council.
Previous Minutes/Items	Motion : That the minutes from the February 9th 2026 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Moved: John Matthews Seconded: Rebecca Rodgers

Pomonal Hall regular user update and discussion.		
Group	Discussion	Representative
Tennis	Michelle is arranging a weekend competition with an Euroa tennis club. The date suggested is the Melbourne cup weekend. Camping on the back area of the reserve may be allowed, stated Rebecca. All to be confirmed.	
PPA	The Pomonal garage sale is being held on 21st March.PPA, Hall committee and car boot sellers will be set up near the Hall sheds.	
Mens Shed	The Anzac memorial position has been discussed and all approved the area marked by John near the side of the hall across from the steps is ok. Motion : Pomonal Community Assets Committee and ARCC approve of the position for the ANZAC memorial as described by John Matthews. Moved: John Matthews, Seconded: Andrea Shelley Mens shed people are going to install this before April 25th.	
APS GG	Some pruning and weeding was done at a recent APS Grampians group working bee at the gardens at the front of the Hall.Discussion was had re the work that is needed to be done in the south side of the hall in preparation for the installation of the solar battery and in the back garden area opposite the hall sheds. Andrea presented a quote dated 13th March 2026 and work plan from Josh Gallently- Scott. Motion : Pomonal CAC will accept the quote received from Joshua Gallently- Scott for further gardening maintenance. Moved : Andrea Shelley Seconded: John Matthews. All agreed.	Andrea
Pomonal Cricket Club	Clayton will organise the work that is needed to be done on the Hall shed door,for the cricket club mower to be stored in the Hall shed. Cricket games have finished for the 2025/2026 season and there is good interest for the 2026/2027 season Clayton said.	

Pomonal Hall regular user update and discussion.		
Pomonal Primary School	Andrea will arrange a meeting with the School Principal to discuss using the Hall for the art show and other events,storage of items in the sheds and the tennis courts use.	

Community Assets Committee General Business		
Items	Discussion	Who
Actions from previous meeting to be confirmed as completed	- Emily reported that the term deposit set up has occurred with Bendigo Bank. Andrea and Rachel need to go to the bank to sign the setup approval form. - The masterplan update from ARCC has been printed and is on the whiteboard in the Hall meeting room. The plan will be sent to the Pomonal newsletter team to be included in the next newsletter. The Pomonal community will be asked for ideas and comments to be sent to the Hall committee. - There are signs for 'No parking on oval' from ARCC in the Hall shed and on the oval near the other driveway. Clayton will attach one to the pole at this entrance. - QR code setup for incident reporting is for ARCC staff only, not for community use. Incident forms to be used when needed and sent to ARCC. - The removal of the generator in the Hall shed to the General store will be done soon. Clayton has offered to assist with this. - The Hall sheds will be sorted after the garage sale and discussion will be had at the April committee meeting, re what items from the Hall inside storage cupboard can be relocated into the sheds.	
Treasurers report	Motion: That the Financial Statement from 9th February 2026 to 16th March 2026 be accepted as a true account. - The account suggested by the Ararat Bendigo bank manager is The Sandhurst Select 90 term deposit account. - Motion: Pomonal CAC to open a Sandhurst Select 90 term deposit account. - Moved Emily Dalkin Seconded: Clayton Mackley - Andrea and Rachel need to go to the Ararat Bendigo bank to sign forms to complete the set up of the term deposit.	Moved: Emily Dalkin Seconded: John Matthews

Community Assets Committee General Business		
	Emily will discuss with the Pomonal Mens shed treasurer fees for their event recently booked and the option of having an annual fee for use of the Hall.	
Correspondence	Discussion was had on relevant items in General business. A copy of the correspondence received and sent will be attached to the minutes.	
Bookings	- An update on new Hall bookings was given by Andrea. All approved of these. - Emily has sent out the annual booking fee invoices. Payment by relevant local groups is recorded in the Treasurers report attached to these minutes.	
Maintenance and works update	2026 Hall cleaning plan to be discussed at next meeting - Deck cleaning plan to be discussed at next meeting. - Organisation of Hall contents in storage sheds and inside areas has commenced. Some items will be sold at the Pomonal Garage sale on March 21st. - The Installation of Anzac memorial will be done before April 25th. - Hall garden maintenance plan will be discussed further after initial work being organised is finalised. - Indigo power has said the Solar Battery position will be on the south side of the Hall. There needs to be a minimum of 1.2 metre clearance from the wall. Pomonal CAC will determine what pruning needs to be done in this area. - Some community members have asked for a ramp near the steps at the back of the Hall for moving items in and out of the hall and shed at the back door. This was discussed. Rebecca will consult with the ARCC building department re options for this idea.	

Community Assets Committee General Business		
	Steve Field to be asked to replace the metal picnic table when the new position is confirmed after it is removed. This is due to the position of the Anzac memorial. A new driveway needs to be sorted around the side of the hall.	
New Business		
Items for CAC to purchase	- Discussion on lightweight folding tables for outside use to continue. - Options for chairs for outside use were discussed. Andrea presented an idea, further discussion to continue. - Trolleys to use to move items from sheds to the hall areas will be researched and presented at the next meeting. - Discussion on updating our First Aid kit to be discussed at the next meeting.	
Ideas for a memorial area for the community	To be discussed at next meeting	
Ideas for playground	Linda Henderson has been contacted and will assist CAC with ideas for a future updated playground.	
Idea for position of electric barbecue to present to PPA	Clayton, John and Michelle will discuss with Matt Peel the most suitable location for the installation of the barbecue. Rebecca said that ARCC will pay for this to be done. Discussion was had re relocating the picnic table which is being removed when the Anzac memorial is installed to be near the barbecue.	All

Next meeting to be 20th April

Pomonal Community Asset Committee
Minutes from the meeting held on 20th April 2026 at 7pm

Meeting details	
Chairperson	Michelle Stewart
Location	Pomonal Hall
Present	Rachel Whittaker, Emily Dalkin, Clinton Mackley and Andrea Shelley
Apologies	John Matthews and Rebecca Rodgers(ARCC)
Acknowledgement of Country	"I begin today by acknowledging the Djab Wurrung and Jardwardjali people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present"
Purpose	To manage,maintain,develop and promote the use of the Pomonal Hall and recreation reserve on behalf of the Ararat Rural City Council.
Previous Minutes/Items	Motion : That the minutes from the March 16th, 2026 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Moved: Michelle Stewart Seconded: Rachel Whitaker
Treasurers report	Motion: That the financial report from March 16th to 20th April 2026 be accepted as a true account Moved: Clayton Mackey Seconded: Michelle Stewart Term deposit set up: Andrea and Rachel need to go to the Ararat Bendigo Bank to sign the forms for the Term deposit to be set up.

Pomonal Hall regular user update and discussion.		
Group	Discussion	Representative
Tennis	Fence damage from a fallen tree branch has been reported to ARCC via Snap,Snap,Solve app. The old tennis net that is torn is still suitable for use. There are full size netball poles and rings for use and there is no room on the court area for a reduced height netball ring idea.	Action : ARCC
PPA	Resilience use of the meeting room continues and PPA will be asked to tidy the room for other groups to use this space.	Action:John/ Andrea
Mens Shed	Anzac memorial has been cemented in. The ceremony will be held on Saturday 25th April. ARCC has been approached to fund a permanent flagpole by the Mens shed. The position of this needs to be discussed with CAC.	Action: John
APS GG	Pruning and cleanup of the garden area continues. Quotes for Tuscan stone mulch discussed. All agreed for this to be purchased.Who will move the mulch to the garden area has not been confirmed at this time.	Action: Andrea
Pomonal Cricket Club	The cricket club mower will be housed in the Hall shed. Work needs to be done on changing the entrance of the shed.	Action : Clayton
ARCC	No discussion occurred on the following items. • ARCC recovery programme time frame for their presence and equipment in the meeting room • Update on a ramp to be built at the back of the Hall.	Action : Rebecca

Community Assets Committee General Business		
Items	Discussion	Who
Actions from previous meeting to be confirmed as completed	- Term deposit set up with Bendigo Bank - Removal of generator in Hall shed to the General store - Plan for Hall sheds storage, items to be taken to a transfer station - Purchase of chairs for outside use - Thanks were given to Jackie and Nick Shelley for their donation of 3 fold up tables for outside use at the Hall. - Purchase of trolley for moving heavy items from Hall to sheds - Position of electric barbecue to be discussed with Pomonal CFA, PPA and market coordinator	Andrea and Rachel Clayton CAC CAC CAC CAC
Correspondence	See attached list,discussion to be had on relevant items: - Committee asked for more information of Barb Venn's idea for walking track - Quote for stone mulch for Hall garden was agreed. Time frame for delivery and who to move mulch to be discussed with APSGG	Action:Rachel Action: Andrea
Bookings	- All agreed on bookings update - Reminders for outstanding booking fees will be sent	Emily
Maintenance, work needed.	2026 Hall cleaning plan TBC - Deck cleaning plan TBC - Organisation of Hall contents in storage sheds and inside areasTBC - Hall garden maintenance plan is continuing - Ramp for access to Hall at the back door - Removal of old metal chairs and other rubbish near Hall sheds to go in the ARCC skip at Moyston in May	- All - All - All - All - ARCC - All
Masterplan	CAC ideas on how to start community discussion to continue at May/ June meeting.	All

Community Assets Committee General Business		
New Business		
Items for CAC to purchase	A custom built cupboard was suggested for storage of PPA market signs etc along the wall next to the present cupboard in the hallway, near the kitchen. All agreed to ask Carl Rasche - CR Renovations and Joinery for a quote.	Action: Andrea
A Community Memorial area on the Hall grounds.	CAC to look at possible sites near the Hall reserve area.	Action Idea: All to present ideas for CAC masterplan discussion
WAMA use of 3 wooden tables	All agreed that the wooden tables would be given to WAMA for their use.	Action: Andrea to send a message.
Storage of items in the main Hall cupboard	An inventory of what is needed to be stored to be done after further discussion.	Action: Discussion for May meeting.

Minutes of the Pomonal Community Asset Committee Meeting on June 15th 2026

Meeting details	
Chairperson	Rachel Whittaker
Location	Pomonal Hall
Present	Clayton Mackley, Emily Dalkin, John Matthews, Michelle Stewart, Andrea Shelley
Apologies	Rebecca Rodgers (ARCC)
Acknowledgement of Country	"I begin today by acknowledging the Djab Wurrung and Jardwardjali people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present"
Purpose	To manage,maintain,develop and promote the use of the Pomonal hall and recreation reserve on behalf of the Ararat Rural City Council.
Previous Minutes/Items	Motion : That the minutes from the May18th 2026 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Moved: John Matthews Seconded: Rachel Whittaker
Treasurers report	Motion: That the financial report from 20th April to 15th June 2026 be accepted as a true account. Moved:Emily Dalkin Seconded: Clayton Mackley Term deposited set up: Rachel to visit Ararat Bendigo Bank

Pomonal Hall regular user update and discussion.		
Group	Discussion	Representative
Tennis	Pickleball has commenced on Sunday afternoons in the Hall. Michelle stated there have been a few instances of players tripping over non permanent line marking tape. Incident forms to be available if needed. Permanent line marking on the hall floor for pickleball was suggested. Further discussions on non permanent court marking to continue as the first option.	
PPA	John informed all that PPA have agreed to contribute half the cost of building the hall cupboard. Storage of items related to the Pomonal markets will be stored in the cupboard. Carl Rasche will be informed that his quote for the cupboard has been accepted.	
Pomonal Mens Shed	No items for discussion received.	
APS GG	APS Grampians Group will be asked to do some leaf raking and general garden clean up before the stone mulch will be ordered. GG has asked to use the black chairs in the marquee at the Flower show. Are agreed to this for the 2026 Flower show.	
Pomonal Cricket Club	No items for discussion.	
ARCC	ARCC has agreed to pay for the bench and cupboards in the meeting room. Solar battery installation work has begun. All electrical equipment has been tagged.	

Community Assets Committee General Business		
Items	Discussion	Action
Actions from previous meeting to be confirmed as completed	- The term deposit account is not finalised at this time, Rachel will visit Ararat Bendigo Bank to finalise this. - A plan for old and not needed Hall items to be taken to a transfer station continues to be discussed. - Purchase of chairs for outside use is on hold for now. - The position of the electric barbecue and picnic table needs further discussion with ARCC. - ARCC has agreed to pay for the bench and cupboards to be built in the meeting room. Invoice to be sent to ARCC.	Rachel CAC ARCC ARCC
Correspondence	Correspondence related to agenda items was discussed.	
Bookings	- Dee Kelly has offered to pay a \$250 fee towards her use of the kitchen from 8th April to 15th May. Emily will send an invoice. - Her kitchen booking was also covered by PPA resilience group	Emily
Maintenance and works update	- A committee sub group will meet on Sunday 27th June to look at Hall cleaning needs and prepare a report for discussion at the July meeting. - Stone mulch for the Hall garden will be ordered in July and will be laid by some members of CAC and other interested people in the community. Date to be confirmed.	CAC CAC
Masterplan	The priorities for the masterplan are : - the build of the walking track - installing the electric barbecue and picnic table - an off lease dog park A CAC report to be sent to the Pomonal newsletter	ARCC Rachel

Community Assets Committee General Business		
New Business		
Items for CAC to purchase	A new fridge to be purchased for the kitchen. Options to be discussed at the July CAC meeting	Emily
Upgrade the water tanks near the shed and cricket club	Another water tank to be fitted with a CFA hose attachment. Discussion to be had about how the 4 tanks are connected.	ARCC and CAC

Meeting finished 2022

Next meeting July 20th at 7pm.

Willaura Hall General Meeting
2/4/26 at 8.00pm

PRESENT

R Jenkinson, A Millear, A Evans, V Albert

APOLOGIES

R Patterson, J Filliponi, A Byron

MINUTES APPROVED

BUSINESS ARISING

Ladder has been donated by A Evans.

TREASURERS REPORT

Card a/c.	\$645.30
Statement a/c.	\$12462.81
ARC a/c.	\$1765.92

Moved A Evans, R Jenkinson

GENERAL BUSINESS

Working bee to set up for Anzac Day on Friday. 24/4/26 at
5.00pm

MEETING CLOSED. 8.20pm

NEXT MEETING. 4/6/26 at 5.30 pm

BALANCES

Card Account BSB 633 000 A/C 216200261

1 JULY 2025 - 1 APRIL 2026

Opening Balance	\$503.86
YTD Total Income & Less Expenses	\$141.44
Ending Balance	\$645.30

Statement Account BSB 633 000 A/C 123 792 798

1 JULY 2025 - 1 APRIL 2026

Opening Balance	\$8,875.01
YTD Total Income & Less Expenses	\$3,587.80
Ending Balance	\$12,462.81

ARC Account BSB 633 000 A/C 158849533

1 JULY 2025 - 1 APRIL 2026

Opening Balance	\$3,437.67
YTD Total Income & Less Expenses	-\$1,671.75
Ending Balance	\$1,765.92

Statement Account BSB 633 000 A/C 123 792 798
INCOME & EXPENSES 1 JULY 2025 - 1 APRIL 2026

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL \$	MEETING	FUNCTION	HIRE GOODS	GRANTS	INT.	DONATION	SUNDRY	REPAIRS		COMMENT
31-Jul-25	Willaura Dev Group	200.00		200.00								
22-Sep-25	Upper Hopkins Land Mgmt	250.00		250.00								
25-Sep-25	Bridle Boyle	100.00			100.00							Donation - borrowing tables
08-Oct-25	Willaura Dev Group	50.45							50.45			Reimburse liquor license
10-Oct-25	Willaura Primary School	250.00		250.00								Trivia night
11-Oct-25	Willaura CFA	250.00		250								CFA Awards night
17-Oct-25	Cash Withdrawal	-1200.00							-1200.00			Float
21-Oct-25	Cash deposit	2535.80							2535.80			Bar proceeds from Brian Nankervis show
27-Oct-25	Willaura Dev Group	250.00		250.00								Brian Nankervis Show
28-Oct-25	Willaura Supermarket	-1988.45							-1988.45			Alcohol
02-Nov-25	Anthony & Kelly Evans	155.25							155.25			Alcohol reimbursement
04-Nov-25	Willaura Dev Group	2034.75							2034.75			Bar proceeds (EIT) from Brian Nankervis show
06-Nov-25	Andrew & Jo Byron	80.00							80.00			Alcohol reimbursement
07-Nov-25	Peter Sporton	250.00		250.00								Pete's 60th
10-Nov-25	Ararat Rural City	3600.00				3600.00						Annual grant
30-Nov-25	Ararat Rural City	-3900.00								-3900.00		LED lights
09-Dec-25	Lake Bolac Parish United	90.00		90.00								
09-Dec-25	Willaura Cemetery	10.00	10.00									
13-Dec-25	Will/L Bolac Comm. Bank	120.00	120.00									
20-Jan-26	Janelle Smith	250.00						250.00				John Flavell's Memorial
08-Feb-26	Transfer to Credit Acc	-250.00							-250.00			
09-Feb-26	Willaura Hospital Auxiliary	200.00		200.00								Room Hire Blue Ribbon
23-Mar-26	Southern Farmers	250.00		250.00								
YTD TOTAL		3,587.80	130.00	1,990.00	100.00	3,600.00	-	250.00	1,417.80	(3,900.00)	-	-

ARC Account BSB 633 000 A/C 158849533
INCOME & EXPENSES 1 JULY 2025 - 1 APRIL 2026

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL \$	MEETING	FUNCTION	HIRE GOODS	GRANTS	INT.	DONATION	SUNDRY	POWER	WATER	MAINT.	COMMENT
05-Aug-25	Origin Energy	(171.08)								(171.08)			
05-Sep-25	Jo Byron	(100.90)							(100.90)				Reimburse liquor license
22-Sep-25	GWM Water	(43.99)									(43.99)		
04-Nov-25	Origin Energy	(534.92)								(534.92)			
02-Feb-26	GWM Water	(476.37)									(476.37)		
08-Feb-26	Origin Energy	(344.49)								(344.49)			
YTD TOTAL		(1,671.75)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(100.90)	(1,050.49)	(520.36)	-	-

WILLAURA HALL

Card Account 558 833 000 A/C 216200261

INCOME & EXPENSES 1 JULY 2025 - 1 APRIL 2026

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL \$	MEETING	FUNCTION	HIRE GOODS	GRANTS	INT.	DONATION	SUNDRY				COMMENT
25/11/2025	One Office National	(50.59)							(50.59)				Supplies
8/01/2026	Mitre 10	(43.37)							(43.37)				Garden hose
28/01/2026	Woolworths	(14.60)							(14.60)				Supplies
7/02/2026	Transfer from Statement Acc	250.00							250.00				Transfer
YTD TOTAL		141.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	141.44				

Willaura Hall General Meeting
4/6/26 at 5.30pm

PRESENT

R Jenkinson , A Evans, D McRae, A Millear, V Albert, J Filliponi, R Laidlaw
Dr T Harrison

APOLOGIES

R Patterson , A Byron
Moved A Millear, R Jenkinson

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Card a/c.	\$645.30
Statement a/c. (Willaura)	12552.81
ARCC a/c.	1326.41
Report attached	

Moved A Evans, D McRae

CORRESPONDENCE

In — AEC enquires for upcoming state election
Lions club re fees for Skin checks
Development Group Advised of successful grant for new
crockery for the hall from Bendigo Bank.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- *Consider disposal of old crockery, resolve next meeting.
- *Hall Committee provided volunteers for blue ribbon event.
- *Next function at the hall is Lions Club dinner, Hall to provide

the Bar

MEETING CLOSED. 5.57pm

NEXT MEETING. 6th August at 5.30pm

BALANCES

Card Account BSB 633 000 A/C 216200261

1 JULY 2025 - 31 MAY 2026

Opening Balance	\$503.86
YTD Total Income & Less Expenses	\$141.44
Ending Balance	\$645.30

Statement Account BSB 633 000 A/C 123 792 798

1 JULY 2025 - 31 MAY 2026

Opening Balance	\$8,875.01
YTD Total Income & Less Expenses	\$3,677.80
Ending Balance	\$12,552.81

ARC Account BSB 633 000 A/C 158849533

1 JULY 2025 - 31 MAY 2026

Opening Balance	\$3,437.67
YTD Total Income & Less Expenses	-\$2,111.26
Ending Balance	\$1,326.41

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INCOME & EXPENSES 1 JULY 2025 - 31 MAY 2026												
DATE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL \$	MEETING	FUNCTION	HIRE GOODS	GRANTS	INT.	DONATION	SUNDRY			COMMENT
26/11/2025	One Office National	(50.59)							(50.59)			Supplies
9/01/2026	Mitre 10	(43.37)							(43.37)			Garden hose
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7/02/2026	Transfer from Statement Acc	250.00							250.00			Transfer
YTD TOTAL		141.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	141.44			

Willaura Recreation Reserve
General Meeting
16/6/26 at 6.00pm

PRESENT

R Jenkinson, K Gleeson, J Coish, J Filliponi .

APOLOGIES

R Townsend , J Platen, Dr T Harrison

MINUTES APPROVED

J Coish , K Gleeson

BUSINESS ARISING

Nill

CORRESPONDENCE

Nill

TREASURERS REPORT

report attached

Moved K Gleeson, J Filliponi

GENERAL BUSINESS

*B McLean to spray oval and surrounds for weeds and grubs.

*Liquor License— Still waiting on a response from Dr Tim as to progress made re arranging the licence to Council satisfaction.

*New display cabinets to be installed soon!!

* Upcoming events 21/6/26 Kindergarten and primary school —solstice walk and cup of soup at the rec.

Christmas in July 25/7/26

Primary school community meal 23/10/26

MEETING CLOSED. 6.30pm

NEXT MEETING. 18/8/26 at 6.00pm

21-4-26 - 16-6-26

Expenses

Harvey Norman	2,299.00
Origin	1,637.22
Telstra	395.00
Elgas	151.25
Ararat Auto	31.00
CWM	247.58
Aldi	20.56
	\$ 4,781.61

Income

Tennis Club	310.00
CWM	1021.80
Camping	1677.10
	\$ 3,008.90

Balance 16-6-26 \$ 32,176.58

Sandhurst \$ 152,222.63

WRR - ARCC \$ 9029.40

Willaura Recreation Reserve
General Meeting
20/4/26 at 6.00pm

PRESENT

R Jenkinson ,K Gleeson, J Platen, J Filliponi

APOLOGIES

J Coish

MINUTES APPROVED

Moved J Platen , J Filliponi

BUSINESS ARISING

Nill

TREASURERS REPORT

Report attached. Moved K Gleeson , R Jenkinson

GENERAL BUSINESS

*The upright freezer is not working and needs to be replaced. The freezer has been checked by Jarrah from Split & Stawell -the unit is not worth repairing!! R Jenkinson and K Gleeson to purchase a new unit. All Agreed.

*The social room front door lock/handle have been fixed. The Bar door lock is now keyed same as front door.

*Oval Maintenance, no quote has been received from Brad McLean. R Jenkinson to follow up.

* The new trophy cabinet is nearly complete and should be installed after Anzac Day.

*NO Update regarding the revised liquor license for the club rooms has been received from Council.

*From now on the Rec Committee will NOT be providing meals and drinks and a place to gather for our community on Friday nights until the liquor license is sorted. All Agreed.

R Jenkinson to advise the Cricket and Football Clubs that this is now in place and take their current advice not to use their licence.

* A discussion regarding a more suitable date for all to attend meetings was held . It was agreed we now meet on the third TUESDAY of every even month at 6.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 6.35pm

NEXT MEETING. June 16th at 6.00pm

17.2.26 - 20.4.26

Income

MWFR \$ 2,300 -

Bar 1,212 -

GWM 3,063-80

Camping 4,283-10

\$ 10,758-90

Expenses

Ararat Jomery \$ 5,985-65

Bar 446-45

Fuel 90-78

Che Office 50-59

Cas 89-09

Misc 57-37

\$ 6,720-93

Balance \$ 34,636-38

Sandhurst \$ 152-222.63

Interest
\$ 1,501-43

ARCC \$ 9029-40

Willaura Recreation Reserve
General Meeting
16/2/26 at 6.00pm

PRESENT

R Jenkinson, K Gleeson, J Platen, R Townsend

APOLOGIES

J Cousy, J Filliponi

MINUTES APPROVED

Moved R Jenkinson , K Gleeson

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

General a/c \$30344.41

Report attached

Moved R Jenkinson, K Gleeson

CORRESPONDENCE

MWFN Club season updates

ARCC maint grant received \$6000.00

Brad McLean Oval maintenance requirements

Ararat Kitchens quote for display cabinet \$11971.30

GENERAL BUSINESS

*New sticker vacuum cleaner purchased.

*Brad McLean has been in contact regarding upcoming oval maintenance for this year . Quote to follow.

*Friday night bar open to continue in conjunction with Willaura bakery PIZZA nights.(every 2nd week)

*Cementing for picnic chairs and tables to be done when time permits.

*Camping has been a little slow lately .

*New I-cor irrigation control is not operating properly. R Jenkinson to follow up with Midland Irrigation .

*Trophy Cabinet, it is agreed that we proceed as per quote from Ben Hargreaves, Ararat Kitchens to build 3 trophy cabinets for the club rooms to provide a secure display for club room users. Football netball club & cricket club to contribute to the costs.

Moved J Platen R Townsend

MEETING CLOSED. 6.45pm

NEXT MEETING. April 20th at 6.00pm

23.12.25 - 16.2.26

Income.

Bar	1570.00
CWM.	1415.80
Camping	5763.00
	\$ 8748.80

Expenses

Bar.	1049.49
Elgas	319.36
Origin	1394.14
B. Mclean	1100.00

30 Hch	349.20
Mitre 10	117.79
	\$ 4586.63

Balance \$ 30,344.41



GENERAL MINUTES

To be submitted to Council's Municipal Recreation Officer within 14 days of meeting

Committee of Management: Tatyoon Recreation Reserve

Date of Meeting: MARCH 2.3.2026

Time of Meeting: START 7:38pm

Committee: A.Laidlaw, J.King, C.Drum, B.Robertson, R.Bibby, I.Armstrong, K.Armstrong, A.Brady, R. McKay, A.Fraser (10 MEMBERS)

Present: A.Laidlaw, J.King, C.Drum, B.Robertson, R.Bibby, I.Armstrong, K.Armstrong,

Apologies: A. Fraser, A.Brady, R. McKay,

Moved by C.Drum and seconded by R.Bibby.

Confirmation of quorum:

A quorum at any committee meeting shall be a majority of members of the committee. No business shall be conducted by the committee unless a quorum exists.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

General Meeting Past Minutes from circulated on 28.2.26. Moved by C.Drum and seconded by R.Bibby

Item: Business Arising Out of the Previous Meeting			
Discussion – Business	Action Items	Responsible	Due
New Building	Continue to liaise with Tim Harrison re PHASE 1. (Move to General Business)	General business	In Progress
Pump location -	Sub committee report – ARCC still action	ARCC	In Progress
INSURANCE	Classification of insurance – Moved to general business	ARCC B.Robertson	In Progress
Hydrosmart	GMW Water cartage of water agreed upon instead of hydrosmart system. Moved to general business.	C.DRUM	In Progress

Moved C.Drum and seconded by

Disclosure of any pecuniary interest or conflict of interest of any member

Correspondence

Item: Correspondence – Inwards/Outwards			
Discussion – List Correspondence	Action Items	Responsible	Due
13.10.25 – Out C.Drum to ARCC	Summary of issues with Oval redevelopment and the need to ensure Aqualine is accountable. Eg pump, incorrect placement, surface rough, pump system training, hydro smart	C.Drum	COMPLETED
13.10.2025 – IN: ARCC Rebecca Rodger (Major Projects Lead)	Will follow up on C.Drum's request. Hydro smart quote requested.	ARCC	In Progress
14.10.25 Out: C.Drum to ARCC	Hydrosmart quote emailed to ARCC	C.Drum	COMPLETED

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES: To be completed by the Chairperson once the Meeting Minutes have been Confirmed and Adopted

Meeting Date Minutes are confirmed:

Chairperson Signature & Date:

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20.10.25 In: Phuong Au (Deputy CEO)	ARCC council sanitary bin services has been researched and is slightly more expensive than currently discussed in meeting.	ARCC	COMPLETED												
22.10.25 In: Email RCC Washroom Services Phonecall OUT – New company RCC Washroom to service Taty Rec Reserve of bins for Female bathrooms.	Quoted \$9.50 plus gst service every 4 weeks 13 times per annum. Huge saving. Company: RCC Washroom Service to install new bins in female toilets.	B.ROBERTSON	COMPLETED												
22.10.25 OUT: Email B.Robertson to FLIC bins	Cancellation of flic bins as they are too expensive. \$26 PER BIN	B.ROBERTSON	COMPLETED												
22.10.25IN: FLIC Bins – Troy Jackson	Received email and will be finalising cancellation of flic bins and will advise of removal to be booked in. Bins still not collected. B. Robertson to action collection.	B.ROBERTSON	COMPLETED												
22.10.26 – In: GWM WATER to treasurer B.Robertson	-GMW water will provide water carting costs -Rec pays for water consumption at below rate: <table><tr><td>Usage Volume (ML)</td><td>Discount Applied</td><td>Tarriff per KI (\$)</td></tr><tr><td>1 – 5</td><td>40%</td><td>0.8198</td></tr><tr><td>>5 – 10</td><td>25%</td><td>1.0248</td></tr><tr><td>Over 10</td><td>None (Full Rate)</td><td>1.2184</td></tr></table>	Usage Volume (ML)	Discount Applied	Tarriff per KI (\$)	1 – 5	40%	0.8198	>5 – 10	25%	1.0248	Over 10	None (Full Rate)	1.2184	B.ROBERTSON	COMPLETED
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29.1.26 GWM Water email	Hall booking 9.2.26	J.KING	COMPLETED												
C.Drum	GWM Water Price	C.Drum B.ROBERTSON	COMPLETED												
4.2.26 EMAILS TO ARCC Narelle Cleary 12.2.26 24.2.26 28.2.26	Maintenance requests to ARCC - Noticeboard - Board missing on north east wall of hall - KEYS 1 more ordered - Flooring in hall and restumping of floor near heater	JKING	In Progress												

Moved by B.Robertson and seconded by I.Armstrong.

2026 Hall Bookings:

9.2.2026 – GWM meeting
22.3.2026 – BaTCA Community meeting
26.3.2026 – ARCC Budget Review Drop in

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Treasurer's Report

Financial report B.Robertson

Balance Sheet As at:

Savings Account- Donations \$1379.76

Statement Account \$13562.94

Term Deposit Account \$ 125945.56 (FUNDRAISING SAVINGS ACCOUNT)

Total Bank \$ 140788.26

Summary:

GMW Water – ongoing cost for Reserve.

Email communication 22.10.2025 GMW Water to B.Robertson

GMW water will assist the Tatyoon Recreation Reserve during the upcoming summer period, GMW water will assist to provide water carting as an interim measure to support reserve. Water under this arrangement will be charged under the Recreational Sporting Club and Schools Rebate rates, consistent with the Tatyoon executed Heads of Agreement (2025/26 tariffs.) See below table:

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Please note GWM Water is unable to provide support or funding for the installation of a desalination plant or Hydrosmart system. GWM Water involvement would see compliance requirements for desalination significantly increase costs and cause delays, making this option less viable than water carting within the required timeframe.

GWM water connection – Still unknown of costing for connection and when it will happen. No correspondence about this from GWM water. Therefore prepared to cart until we get the connection.

Other income:

Grain Fundraiser – only 2 tonne of canola.

Other expenses:

Bron Ferguson's invoice yet to come in for work around hall and playground. A.Laidlaw 6 – 7k to resow oval. A.Laidlaw to action best way to complete.

Moved by B.Robertson seconded by K.Armstrong.

Adjourned Business

Sub-committee/Working Group reports

New Community Hub - A. Brady, J.King and C.Drum.

All Committee to now discuss in General Business and no small sub committee.

Oval Drainage and Irrigation – R.Bibby, and R.McKay, I.Armstrong

Has the following been ticked off since last meeting:

Solar panel location in reservoir? No

Pump shed ? No

Aqualines will be accountable for this to be actioned. ARCC will follow this up.

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Agenda Items

Item: Agenda Items

1. **Action Plan – Celebrate our goals achieved.**
Achieved oval redevelopment –Just need Aqualines to finish off issues.
New speaker purchased.
Separate money from last grain drive due to communication in text message. Keep it separate.
\$1379.76
2. **Maintenance - Establish new system to complete tasks**
 - Ground management between seasons
 - Plan for ground management.
 - Working Bee before footy season proposed for Thursday 26th March
3. **Maintenance Issues**
 - hall flooring
 - fireplace restumping
 - tank removal
4. **Facility Good Governance implementation (standing Agenda item)**
ARCC is responsible for Health and Safety invoice renewal. Renewal completed.
5. **Grants -**
Grant correspondence: 3 grants applied for in February. Thankyou to Karen Armstrong for her work to collate all the information to apply for these grants. Huge amount of hours involved.
See attached Grants document.
Summary of three grants applied for in February 2026:
Tiny Town grant: Hall Restroom refurbishment \$5200 in kind work painting so extra cost paint. June
Wannon Volunteer: Telecommunication and internet hardware \$4429. Star link subscription June
Grain Corp: Scoreboard \$7240 June
6. Oval water costs and usage discussed in Treasurers report.
7. Oval resowing – volunteers spraying 3rd March then resow on Friday.
8. Oval Fertilizer – Liam Jess to get drone to fertilise.
Discussion – If still watering the oval in July - Will we still be ok with using this amount of water.
Concerned that costs will add up.
Other clubs currently known to:
Willaura – recycled water
Mininera – no water
Moyston – pipeline water
Summary: Users of the reserve may need to pay more to ensure expenses are covered. Revisit each general meeting. Standard Agenda Item .

General Business

- New Build
J.King asked about Noticeboard communication – Committee agreed to wait until we have a clear shovel ready design that is not based on SRV strict guidelines.
Designs to be revisited next meeting.
Phuong Au (ARCC) expressed that the criteria and guidelines are different between SRV grants and Federal grants. Bypass Sports Vic. So we need to get plans Shovel Ready.

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Look at plans next meeting. J.King to contact Rebecca Rogers and find out when ARCC plan to re-engage architect and get plans back to original size social room.

K.Armstrong stated that as committee members we need to know clearly where we are up, to communicate effectively to the public.

Information to communicate to Community:

1. Continuing to fundraise for new community hub
2. Draft Plans in progress
3. Seeking Federal funding

Maintenance Priorities in hall:

- Bathroom update
- Structure is council – Restumping issue a concern for the committee due to heater in hall location.
- Garden on south side to be halved. Action A.Laidlaw

Insurance:

- Kobota lawn mower ARCC responsibility.

ARCC not adding:

Scoreboard, Light tower, CAT Roller, netball scoreboard, water pump (infrastructure). Briony Robertson to Action Insurance for the above items.

- Valuation of Tatyoon Recreation Reserve if a natural disaster occurred – ARCC to action.

Current President Andy Laidlaw thanked C.Drum for all his hard work as President.

Closed: 8:48pm

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SECTION 5 - COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

There are no Committee Minutes/Reports

SECTION 6 - INFORMAL MEETINGS

6.1 COUNCIL BRIEFINGS

AUTHOR'S TITLE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 30317

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 21 July 2026

Matters discussed at the briefing:

- CEO Employment & Remuneration Committee
- Insurance
- Historic Land Sale issue
- New Local Government Regulation
- Monthly Community Engagement Report
- Monthly Performance Report - Prestige Mill Infrastructure Project Update - May 2026
- Monthly Progress Report - Council Plan - Annual Plan
- Capital Work Program - June 2026
- Capital Works - Annual Works Plan
- Building approvals
- Planning approvals under delegation
- Community Grants - June 2026
- Community Asset Committee Half Year report

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alignment to Council Plan Strategic Objectives

The report supports the strategic objective of the Council Plan 2025-2029:

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.

- 6.3** Continuously improve Council's community engagement process and practices in line with deliberative engagement practices, while ensuring that Councillors' roles as elected community representatives are understood and reflected in decision-making.

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:

1. *the Informal Meetings of Councillors Report be received.*

MOVED CR PRESTON

SECONDED CR R ARMSTRONG

That:

1. **the Informal Meetings of Councillors Report be received.**

No Councillors spoke for or against the motion.

**CARRIED 7/0
5395/26**

ATTACHMENTS

The Summary of Council Briefings are provided as Attachment 6.1

Councillor Briefing Agenda



Date: Tuesday 21 July 2026

Commencement: 5.00 pm

Location: Council Chamber, Shire Offices

Councillors:	Cr Jo Armstrong Cr Rob Armstrong Cr Peter Joyce Cr Luke Preston Cr Bob Sanders Cr Bill Waterston
Officers:	CEO, Dr Tim Harrison Deputy CEO, Phuong Au Chief Operating Officer, Chandra Willmott Major Projects Lead, Rebecca Rodger
Apologies:	Cr Teli Kaur

Disclosure of Conflict of Interests

Disclosure of Interests are to be made immediately prior to any relevant item being discussed (*Local Government Act 2020 - Section 131 and Chapter 5, Section 6 of the Governance Rules*).

1. CEO Transition - Greg Jakob

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| 1.1 | CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee update |
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2. Matters to be considered

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| 2.1 | Mayor's roundup |
| 2.2 | Insurance |
| 2.3 | Historic Land Sale issue |
| 2.4 | New Local Government Regulation |

3. For noting

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| 3.1 | Monthly Community Engagement Report |
| 3.2 | Monthly Progress Report - Prestige Mill Infrastructure Project Update - June 2026 |
| 3.3 | Monthly Progress Report - Council Plan - Annual Plan |
| 3.4 | Capital Works Program - June 2026 |
| 3.5 | Capital Works - Annual Works Plan |
| 3.6 | Building approvals |
| 3.7 | Planning approvals under delegation |
| 3.8 | Community Grants - June 2026 |
| 3.9 | Community Asset Committee Half Year Report |

Dr Tim Harrison

SECTION 7 - 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 8 - 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 9 - 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 9.1 - CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee update
- Item 9.2 - Historic Land Sale issue

6:19PM - 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.

MOVED CR KAUR

SECONDED CR J ARMSTRONG

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.

No Councillors spoke for or against the motion.

CARRIED 7/0

5396/26

6:23PM - OPEN COUNCIL MEETING RECOMMENCEMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

MOVED CR KAUR

SECONDED CR JOYCE

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

No Councillors spoke for or against the motion.

CARRIED 7/0

5399/26

Gallery invited to return to Council Chamber.

LIFTING OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *The confidentiality of the report and decision in relation to Confidential Agenda Item 9.1 and 9.2 not be lifted on adoption of the motion.*

MOVED CR R ARMSTRONG SECONDED CR WATERSTON

That:

1. **The confidentiality of the report and decision in relation to Confidential Agenda Item 9.1 and 9.2 not be lifted on adoption of the motion.**

Cr and Cr spoke for the motion.

**CARRIED 7/0
5400/26**

Meeting closed at 6:24pm

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT PAGES 13515 - 13621 INCLUDING PAGES 954 - 961 OF THE CLOSED SESSION ARE CONFIRMED AND ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

MAYOR - CR BOB SANDERS