



8 November 2017

To Councillor,
"as addressed"

NOTICE is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at the Council Chamber, Nhill on Wednesday 15 November 2017, commencing at **3.00pm**.

Greg Wood
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer

2. Apologies

3. Confirmation of Minutes

4. Declaration of Interests

5. Public Question Time

6. Deputations

7. Activity Reports

8. Correspondence

9. Assembly of Councillors

9.1 Record of Assembly

10. Planning Permit Reports

10.1 Application for planning permit 1567-2017

11. Reports Requiring a Decision

- 11.1 Hindmarsh Shire Council Community Action Grants 2017/18
- 11.2 Asset Management Plan Part A – General Information & Part E – Pathways
- 11.3 Local Roads to Market Grant Program
- 11.4 Request to name an unnamed government road reserve and change of road name – Zanker Heritage Road and Reserve Road

12. Special Committees

- 12.1 Dimboola Town Committee
- 12.2 Yurunga Committee of Management
- 12.3 Rainbow Town Committee

13. Late Reports

No late reports

14. Other Business

No report

15. Confidential Matters

- 15.1 Sale of Council Owned Land - former Rainbow Primary School
- 15.2 Financial Hardship application

16. Meeting Close

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY
AND OPENING PRAYER**

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

We acknowledge the Shire's Indigenous community as the first owners of this country. We recognise the important ongoing role that indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their elders and people both living and past.

Opening Prayer

*Dear Lord,
We humbly request your blessing upon this Council and welcome your guiding presence among us.*

May our decisions be taken wisely and in good faith, to your glory and the true welfare of the citizens of the Hindmarsh Shire.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 October 2017 in the MECCA supper room Rainbow and the Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on Wednesday 1 November 2017 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, Nhill as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

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4. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

- Direct; or
- Indirect interest
 - a) by close association;
 - b) that is an indirect financial interest;
 - c) because of conflicting duties;
 - d) because of receipt of an applicable gift;
 - e) as a consequence of becoming an interested party; or
 - f) because of an impact on residential amenity.

Declaration of direct or indirect interest must also be advised by Councillors at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations

7. ACTIVITY REPORTS

COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES: OCTOBER 2017

Cr NELSON, MAYOR

Attended:

- 02/10/2017 Dimboola Town Committee meeting, Dimboola
- 04/10/2017 Briefing Meeting, Nhill
- 04/10/2017 Council Meeting, Nhill
- 04/10/2017 Rural & Regional Councils Sustainability meeting, Horsham
- 04/10/2017 Police Awards presentation ceremony, Horsham
- 05/10/2017 ABC Interview
- 05/10/2017 Official launch of NDIS, Horsham
- 05/10/2017 All Saints, Nhill Memorial Community Centre
- 06/10/2017 Property inspection, Nhill
- 06/10/2017 Skill Invest Regional Award Night, Longerenong College
- 07/10/2017 Barefoot Ski Competition, Dimboola
- 09/10/2017 Riverside Holiday Park committee meeting, Dimboola
- 09/10/2017 Horsham Sports & Community Club AGM
- 10/10/2017 Student Citizenship Awards, Nhill
- 10/10/2017 Wimmera Development Association meeting, Horsham
- 11/10/2017 Meeting with Andrew Broad MP, Nhill
- 12/10/2017 Official Opening of Sculpture, Rainbow
- 13/10/2017 2017 Victorian Regional Achievement & Community Awards, Melbourne
- 16/10/2017 National Carp Control Plan forum, Horsham
- 17/10/2017 Rainbow Show, Rainbow
- 18/10/2017 RCV Forum, Melbourne
- 18/10/2017 ABC interview
- 19/10/2017 MAV Annual Conference & dinner
- 20/10/2017 MAV State Council
- 21/10/2017 A & P Society Show, Dimboola
- 22/10/2017 Jeparit Show, Jeparit
- 24/10/2017 CEO Mayor meeting, Nhill
- 24/10/2017 WSMLLEN Finance Committee meeting, Horsham
- 24/10/2017 Drive around with Director Infrastructure, Dimboola
- 24/10/2017 Cancer Crusaders Girls Night In, Dimboola
- 25/10/2017 Tidy Towns Presentations, Dimboola
- 25/10/2017 Briefing meeting, Rainbow
- 25/10/2017 Council meeting, Rainbow
- 26/10/2017 ABC interview
- 26/10/2017 WHAC meeting, Ballarat
- 29/10/2017 Nhill Sing Australia 10 year celebration, Nhill
- 31/10/2017 ABC interview
- 31/10/2017 Wimmera River Advisory Group meeting, Dimboola

Cr LOWE, DEPUTY MAYOR

Attended:

- 04/10/2017 Council Briefing, Council Meeting, Nhill.

- 09/10/2017 Town Committee Meeting, Jeparit.
- 10/10/2017 Karen Evening with Andrew Broad, Nhill.
- 14/10/2017 Launch of Oasis, Rainbow.
- 17/10/2017 Rainbow Show, Rainbow.
- 18/10/2017 Seniors Week Concert, Nhill.
- 18/10/2017 AGM, Avonlea, Nhill
- 19/10/2017 Nhill Show, Nhill.
- 21/10/2017 Dimboola Show, Dimboola.
- 22/10/2017 Jeparit Show, Jeparit.
- 25/10/2017 Council Briefing, Council Meeting, Rainbow.
- 26/10/2017 Nhill Aviation Centre AGM, Nhill.
- 27/10/2017 New Residents BBQ, Jeparit.

Cr GERSCH

Attended:

- 01/10/2017 Paper pick up
- 04/10/2017 Council briefing and meeting
- 04/10/2017 Regional partnership forum
- 08/10/2017 Movies RE: Aviation centre
- 10/10/2017 WDA board meeting
- 18/10/2017 RCV Board meeting
- 18/10/2017 RCV Annual meeting
- 18-19/10/2017 RCV Mayors and CEO Forum
- 20/10/2017 MAV State Council Meeting
- 17/10/2017 Council meeting and briefing

Cr COLBERT

Attended:

- 04/10/2017 Council Briefing, Council Meeting, Nhill.
- 19/10/2017 Nhill Show, Nhill.
- 25/10/2017 Rainbow Show, Rainbow.
- 25/10/2017 Council Briefing, Council Meeting, Rainbow.
- 26/10/2017 North West Municipal Meeting, Warracknabeal
- Various Nhill Golf Club

Cr ISMAY

Attended:

- 04/10/2017 Council meeting, Nhill
- 11/10/2017 Enduro Race meeting, Rainbow
- 23/10/2017 Rainbow Town Committee meeting
- 25/10/2017 Council meeting, Rainbow
- 25/10/2017 Kenmare school, AGM

Cr SCHNEIDER

Attended:

- 04/10/2017 Briefing and Council meeting, Nhill
- 13/10/2017 Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Board meeting, Warracknabeal
- 21/10/2017 Dimboola Show

- 24/10/2017 Dimboola town tour with Director Infrastructure and Cr Nelson
 - 25/10/2017 Briefing and Council meeting, Rainbow
 - 25/10/2017 Tour of Rainbow Oasis with Cr Nelson
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SENIOR MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES: OCTOBER 2017

GREG WOOD, Chief Executive Officer:

Attended:

- 3-4/10/2017 IBAC Conference, Melbourne
- 08/10/2017 NAHC Movie Screening, Nhill
- 10/10/2017 Student Citizenship Awards, Nhill
- 10/10/2017 WDA Meeting, Horsham
- 11/10/2017 Andrew Broad visit, Nhill
- 18/10/2017 Tour of the Korin Gamadji Institute (Richmond Football Club)
- 18/10/2017 RCV Annual General Meeting
- 18/10/2017 RCV Mayors and CEO Forum
- 19/10/2017 MAV Annual Conference and Dinner
- 20/10/2017 MAV State Council Meeting
- 23/10/2017 Exploring Renewable Energy Potential in the Grampians Region, Ararat
- 24/10/2017 Mayor/CEO Meeting Nhill
- 25/10/2017 Briefing and Council meeting, Rainbow
- 26/10/2017 LGPro CEO Forum, Inverloch
- 31/10/2017 Cinema Volunteer, Nhill

SHANE POWER, Director Infrastructure Services:

Attended:

- 02/10/2017 Dimboola Township Committee
- 04/10/2017 Council Briefing and Meeting, Nhill
- 09/10/2017 Jeparit Township Committee
- 10/10/2017 Student Citizenship Awards, Nhill
- 11/10/2017 Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee, Horsham
- 13/10/2017 Waste & Resource Recovery Consultations for e-Waste and Waste to Energy, Ararat
- 16/10/2017 Wimmera River embankment discussions with landowners and CMA, Dimboola
- 17/10/2017 Pink Lake Interpretative Signage, VicRoads, DELWP, BGLC, Parks Vic, Wail
- 24/10/2017 Meeting with East Ward Councillors, Dimboola
- 25/10/2017 Briefing and Council meeting, Rainbow
- 26/10/2017 ESC Rates Capping Forum, Bendigo
- 31/10/2017 NBN program meeting with NBN and Visionstream, Nhill
- 31 /10/2017 Landcare meeting, Nhill
- 31/10/2017 Wimmera River Advisory Committee, Dimboola

ANNE CHAMPNESS, Director Corporate and Community Services:

Attended:

- 02/10/2017 Dimboola Town Committee

- 03/10/2017 Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Partnership early years project meeting, Horsham
 - 04/10/2017 Council Briefing and Meeting, Nhill
 - 04/10/2017 Sustainability of Rural and Regional Councils, Horsham
 - 09/10/2017 Riverside Holiday Park Advisory Committee meeting, Dimboola
 - 10/10/2017 Student Citizenship Awards, Nhill
 - 13/10/2017 Wimmera Development Association Leadership Program presentations, Horsham
 - 18/10/2017 Seniors Festival Concert, Nhill
 - 20/10/2017 Playgroup meetings, Nhill
 - 23/10/2017 Rainbow Town Committee
 - 25/10/2017 Settlement Advisory Committee meeting, Nhill
 - 25/10/2017 Nhill Kindergarten Parents Advisory Group meeting
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8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

No correspondence

9. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

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Introduction:

The attached Assembly of Councillors Record is presented as an attachment to the Council agenda for the information of Councillors and recorded at the Council meeting as required under s80A Local Government Act 1989.

Options:

1. That Council accepts the Assembly of Councillors Record as presented.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Assembly of Councillors Record as presented.

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10. PLANNING PERMITS

10.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT 1567-2017

Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File:	Planning – Applications
Assessment:	030800
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Applicant:	Dimboola Outdoor Group Men’s Shed
Owner:	Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
Subject Land:	Allot 10, Sec 9, Township of Dimboola (12 Wimmera Street, Dimboola)
Proposal:	Extension of shed.
Zoning & Overlays:	Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO6) Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO)

Summary:

This application is for a six metre by four metre extension to the existing shed located at 12 Wimmera Street, Dimboola.

Proposal Details:

Use and development of the land for an extension to an existing shed for the purpose of a Men’s Shed.

Subject site & locality

An inspection of the site and the surrounding area has been undertaken. The site has a total area of 835.51 square metres and currently contains the Dimboola Community Centre, and existing men’s shed to the rear of the allotment. The main locality characteristics consist of sporting facilities, being in close proximity to the Dimboola football oval, the swimming pool, the town centre, and adjacent residences. It is the view of Council’s Coordinator Planning and Development that the proposal will not detract visually from the amenity of the area.

Public Notification

The application was not required to be publicly notified under the provisions of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme, as it is not considered to be of a scale detrimental to the amenity of the locality.

Referrals

External Referrals/Notices Required by the Planning Scheme:

Section 55 Referrals: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority (WCMA) – Responded with advice, to be added to the permit as a note, stating: “A 1 % AEP flood is not the maximum possible flood. There is always a possibility that a flood larger in height and extent, than the 1% AEP flood, may occur in the future”.

Section 52 Notices: Not Required

Planning Assessment:

Permit Requirement:

Use:

A planning permit is required pursuant to Clause 36.02-2 of the Public Park and Recreation Zone for a building or works carried out by or on behalf of a public land manager or Parks Victoria under the Local Government Act 1989. Pursuant to Clause 36.02-3 an application for a permit by a person other than the relevant public land manager must be accompanied by the written consent of the public land manager, indicating that the public land manager consents generally or conditionally either:

- To the application for permit being made.
- To the application for permit being made and to the proposed use or development.

This consent has been received by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning – letter dated 02 May 2017.

Planning Scheme Requirements:

State Planning Policy Framework

Clause 11 – Settlement

Clause 11.07 – Regional Victoria

Clause 11.15 – Wimmera Southern Mallee

Local Planning Policy Framework

Clause 21 – Municipal Strategic Statement

Zoning Provisions

Clause 36.02 – Public Park and Recreation Zone

Overlay Provisions

Clause 42.01 Environmental Significant Overlay 6 (ESO6)

Clause 44.04 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO)

Particular Provisions

Clause 54.04 – Amenity Impacts

General Provisions

Clause 65 – Decision Guidelines

Discussion

The application has been assessed against the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, and it is considered that the proposed use is consistent with relevant policies contained within this section of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme.

Clause 36.02 – Public Park and Recreation Zone

Clause 42.01 Environmental Significant Overlay 6 (ESO6)

Clause 44.04 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO)

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

Report to Council:

The Coordinator Planning and Development advises that all obligations of Council (strategic, statutory and procedural) have been addressed and discharged in this planning application.

Processing Times:

The application was received on 25 August 2017. The report is being presented to the Council meeting of 15 November 2017 (86 days). The statutory processing time requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 have not been satisfied due to further information requirements and referral agency response.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Shane Power, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Andre Dalton, Coordinator Planning and Development

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves an application to use and develop land (including buildings and works) for the extension to the Men's Shed subject to the following conditions:

1. Endorsed Plans:

The location and design of the development as shown on the endorsed plans shall not be altered or modified, whether or not in order to comply with any statute or statutory rule or local law or any other reason without the consent of the Responsible Authority.

2. Permit Lapse/Extension:

The time for commencement of the development is within two years from the date of issue of the permit and the development works are to be completed within two years of the commencement of the permit. An extension of time of the development may be issued if application is made less than three months after the date on which the permit would have lapsed.

Note:

- 1. A 1 % AEP flood is not the maximum possible flood. There is always a possibility that a flood larger in height and extent, than the 1% AEP flood, may***

occur in the future.

- 2. This is not a Building Permit. Please consult a Building Surveyor and ensure that a Building Permit is obtained prior to the commencement of works.***
- 3. A copy of this permit and the endorsed plans must be provided to all builders and contractors who are to work on the site so that they are aware of the conditions to which this approval is subject.***

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11. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

11.1 HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS 2017/18

Responsible Officer: Director of Corporate and Community Services

Attachment number: 5

Introduction:

This report seeks endorsement to provide funding through the Community Action Grants Program to eligible organisations / community groups as outlined below.

Discussion:

The Community Action Grants program was established to support communities with funds to provide services, self-help and assist with community development, social action and connectedness. Total annual funding of \$30,000.00 has been allocated to the program, categorised into four areas:

- Community Assistance
- Event Sponsorship
- Minor Facility Upgrades
- Small Equipment

The 2017/18 Community Action Grants Program was promoted with a media release on the Council's website and to local media; adverts were displayed in shop front windows as well as Facebook promotions on Council's Facebook pages.

Round 2 - Event Sponsorship category closed on 27 October 2017. A total of 2 applications were received with funding requests totaling **\$2,000.00**

Category	Number of Applicants	Funding Allocation	Total Amount Requested
Event Sponsorship	2	\$3,000	\$2,000

Funding applications have been assessed against the following eligibility criteria:

- Demonstrate direct economic and social benefit to the community;
- Not already receive substantial support from Hindmarsh Shire Council;
- Be made by an incorporated community group or not-for-profit organisation or auspiced by such a group.
- Only be applying for one category per funding round.

Ineligible Applications:

Applications by, or for, the following purposes are not eligible for funding:

- Community organisations who do not provide direct benefit to the Hindmarsh Shire community;
- Individuals;
- Community organisations who have successfully obtained funding of \$500.00 or more through the Community Action Grants Program in the current or previous financial year (organisations can only apply for funding every two years);
- Capital works on major facility maintenance;

- Funding to groups for purposes already significantly supported by Hindmarsh Shire Council (e.g. groups that use a Council facility free of charge and pay no energy cost);
- Programs considered the major responsibility of the State or Federal Government;
- Schools and their Parents and Friends organisations;
- Projects that are clearly a duplication of an existing service;
- Retrospective funding (projects that have commenced or have been completed will not be funded); and
- Clubs that have received funds from a successful application through a sub-committee of the Club.

Assessment Criteria

- All applications have been assessed using the following criteria:

Why? 40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the demonstrated community need. • How will the project improve social connections and build community wellbeing? • How will the project achieve economic benefit for the community? • Has the project been identified in a Community Plan?
What? 40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a brief summary of what you are going to do. • How will your project increase community participation? • Complete and submit a Risk Assessment for any Event. • Provide detail on how Hindmarsh Shire Council's contribution will be recognised and acknowledged.
How? 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide quotes/ information on specific item(s) funds will be used to purchase. • Provide a copy of the applying organisation's most recent bank statement and banking details. • Complete the budget and in-kind contribution templates • How will your event's success be measured?
Finally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete eligibility and submissions checklist.

Event Sponsorship

Event sponsorships offer grants of up to **\$500** to assist with an event within Hindmarsh Shire which demonstrates social and economic benefit. Sponsorship up to \$1,000 is available where the event provides significant regional impact.

Applicants

1. Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre Inc. seeks funding of **\$1,000** to assist in the cost of advertising and a Vintage Cycle Display at their “Wheels for the Wirraway” event on 10 March 2018. This is a fundraising event to assist in the purchase of the Wirraway plane. The total project cost for this event is estimated to be \$25,000 of which \$13,000 is in-kind support. This event is expected to attract 1,000-1,500 visitors to Nhill and several thousand more once the plane has been purchased and relocated to Nhill.

2. Jeparit Town Committee seeks finding of **\$1,000** to assist with their event “Light the Lake”. This event is to commemorate the 180th anniversary of Edward John Eyre’s exploration of Lake Hindmarsh. The funding will contribute to the hire of lighting

equipment and advertising. The total project cost is \$5,620 of which \$2,020 is in-kind support. This event is expected to attract 100-500 visitors to Jeparit.

Options

Council can choose to support some or all, partly or in full, or none of the applications to the Hindmarsh Shire Council Community Action Grants 2017/18.

Successful applicants are required to complete their projects and acquit the funds received by 30 June 2018, unless prior consent has been approved by the Director of Corporate and Community Services.

Link to Council & Community Plans:

The Community Action Grants relate to Council's Vision of "a caring, active community enhanced by its liveability, environment and economy".

Strategic Objectives:

1.1 An actively engaged community.

1.1.4 Support and celebrate volunteering and work collaboratively with volunteer groups.

3.2 A thriving tourism Industry.

3.2.3 Support innovative community-driven events and festivals that stimulate tourism growth in the region.

3.2.7 Promote and support local historic assets and heritage groups

Financial Implications:

The Community Action Grants Program currently has \$30,000 available to be expended over the 2017/18 financial year.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Phil King, Acting Director of Community Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Michelle Farinha, Community Development Officer

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosed interest in this report.

Risk Management Implications:

Risks are to be managed by the successful applicants.

Communications Strategy

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of Council's decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

That based on the eligibility and assessment criteria; Council approve the following funding allocations:

Event Sponsorship

- 1. A grant of \$1,000 to the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre (pending the submission of quotations and Goods and Services Template);**
- 2. A grant of \$1,000 to the Jeparit Town Committee.**

TOTAL RECOMMENDED FUNDING ALLOCATED: \$2,000.00

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11.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN PART A – GENERAL INFORMATION & PART E - PATHWAYS

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
Attachment: 6 & 7

Introduction:

Asset management is about the creation of a structured approach to the acquisition, use and disposal of assets over their entire life cycle so as to maximise their service delivery potential at the lowest life cycle cost while concurrently managing risk exposure resulting from the ownership and operation of the assets.

Council considered and adopted an Asset Management Policy and an Asset Management Strategy at its meetings in May and June 2015. The prime objective of the policy and strategy are to guide the development and review of asset management plans. This report provides the first of a series of Asset Management Plans which will be developed.

Hindmarsh Shire Council has worked with other Wimmera Councils and produced a standardised template for Asset Management Plans. This report presents Part A – General Information (which provides an overview and introduction common to all assets) and Part E – Pathways.

Other AMPs to be produced in the future are:-

- Part B – Roads
- Part C – Bridges, Weirs & Major Culverts
- Part D – Buildings & Structures
- Part F – Drainage, and
- Part G – Recreation & Open Space

Discussion:

The objective of an Asset Management Plan (AMP) is to outline the financial resources required to manage and maintain the relevant asset network to an appropriate standard (or level of service). Each individual AMP provides an overview of the ongoing management of that asset network and acts as a tool to support the ability of Council to deliver well targeted, responsive and value for money maintenance and operational services for the community as a whole. Individual projects, renewal treatments or interventions which result from the plans will be included in the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

The AMP Part E - Pathways is a means of outlining the key elements involved in managing council's footpath assets. It combines management, financial, engineering and technical practices to ensure that the level of service required by user groups is provided at the lowest long term cost to the community within the limits of any fiscal constraints that may be imposed by Council or lack of sufficient resources.

The specific purpose of the Pathways AMP is to:

- Demonstrate responsible stewardship by the Council;
- Define and articulate how the infrastructure is and will be managed to achieve the organisation's objectives;
- Provide a basis for customer consultation to determine the appropriate levels of

service;

- Manage risk of asset failure;
- Achieve savings by optimising whole of life costs; and
- Support long term financial planning.

Attached is the draft Pathways AMP for Council consideration. The AMP is broken down into the following sections

- **Background** – includes which assets are included in this plan, who is primarily responsible for them, and links to organisational goals and objectives
- **Levels of Service** – identifies community expectations, legislative requirements, current levels of service, and anticipated future demand
- **Risk Management** – looks at hazard identification and risk minimisation
- **Lifecycle Management Plans** – cover whole of life factors including quantity, condition, valuation, maintenance, renewal, new and upgrade, and disposal of pathway assets.
- **Financial Plan** – includes financial statements and projections, funding strategies, and key assumptions made in the financial forecast
- **Asset Management (AM) practices and improvements** – place this plan within the context of AM systems, standards and guidelines, and ongoing improvements and monitoring programs.

Options

Option One – Following a period of public consultation in which no submissions were received, Council may choose to formally adopt the attached Asset Management Plans; Part A – General Information, and Part E – Pathways as presented.

Option Two – Council may choose to formally adopt the attached Asset Management Plans; Part A – General Information, and Part E – Pathways with amendments.

Option 3 - Council may choose to place the attached Asset Management Plans; Part A – General Information, and Part E – Pathways as presented or amended for another period of consultation.

Link to Council Plan:

2.1.3 Develop and prioritise detailed plans relating to new infrastructure upgrade and renewal (including roads, bridges, drains, footpaths and buildings) for each town.

Financial Implications:

The recommendations contained in this Asset Management Plan will impact on Council's future budgets. The objective of the Pathways AMP is to ensure appropriate footpath assets are provided at the lowest life cycle cost. As such, the long term aim is for Council expenditure to be minimised.

Risk Management Implications:

There is a risk that there are inadequate asset management systems and processes in place to record, control, monitor and report on fixed infrastructure. This initiative to develop and review Asset Management documentation and processes will reduce this risk.

There is also an ongoing risk that insufficient funds will be provided to adequately meet the needs of the community's footpath infrastructure. The Pathways AMP seeks to

control this by monitoring and reporting on the adequacy of infrastructure expenditure and informing Council's budget deliberations.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Shane Power, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Mike Coppins, Asset Manager

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Community consultation has been completed including advertising and making documents available at Customer Service Centres and on Council's website for feedback for a period of 4 weeks which concluded on Friday 6th October. During this period, no public submissions were received and as a result the draft AMP is now presented to Council for formal adoption.

Next Steps:

It is proposed that Asset Management Plan Part B – Roads, will be presented to Council for consideration early in 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts Asset Management Plans Part A – General Information and Part E – Pathways.

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11.3 LOCAL ROADS TO MARKET GRANT PROGRAM

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachment Number: 8 & 9

Introduction:

This report seeks Council consideration of two (2) grant applications to the Local Roads to Market Program, a funding stream provided by the Victorian Government's Agriculture Infrastructure and Jobs Fund. The two applications have been prioritised to ensure the effective use of the funding, in addition to financial contributions from Council and private industry, and in consideration of Council's infrastructure renewal plan 2017-2020.

Discussion:

The Local Roads to Market Program has an allocation of \$25 million from the Victorian Government to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of the agriculture sector.

The program aims to improve the local agricultural supply routes by upgrading local roads, intersections and bridges for use by larger and heavier trucks, helping to reduce travel times, strengthen business productivity and improve road safety.

Upgrading these important local transport connections will benefit Hindmarsh communities and road users, enhancing the capacity of existing local roads and bridges, connecting local and regional agricultural and primary producers while improving the connections to arterial roads and national highway freight networks.

Two potential projects have been identified and prioritised for Council's submission to the Local Roads to Market Program. These projects provide a significant economic impact to the agricultural industry of local and regional primary producers, freight operators and local traffic. Each project is based on a location that requires improvements for safety reasons, better access and/or connections across the shire.

Funding guidelines stipulate that eligible projects must:

- move agricultural produce more efficiently to market;
- improve water security and efficiency;
- improve connections within supply chains and access to markets;
- give consumers confidence in the safety of Victorian produce;
- increase business level innovation;
- enhance business capability to manage volatility and risk, and
- grow jobs in the agriculture sector and along the supply chain.

All applications are based on a \$2:\$1 contribution with no in-kind contribution accepted as part of the total project cost.

Project Name	Description	Total Project Cost	Total Funding Sought	Total Council Contribution	Comments
Antwerp – Woorak Road	Upgrading 5.2km of gravel road to a sealed surface	\$764,785	\$500,000	\$264,785	Total Project identified and split between \$344,785 in 2019/20 and \$420,000 in 2022/23 renewal plan
Rainbow – Nhill Road	“S” Bend safety improvements involving widening of 1.75km of sealed road	\$303,095	\$200,000	\$103,095	Identified \$303,095 in 2019/20 renewal plan

Information regarding each application is detailed below.

Antwerp – Woorak Road

Antwerp - Woorak Road is a 23.7km road (9.3km sealed and 14.4km limestone) connecting the Antwerp and Woorak communities running parallel with the Western Highway between Nhill and Dimboola. The section for which funding is sought is approximately 5km limestone road between the Nhill-Jeparit Road and Gerang-Glenlee Road, (See attachment 1 with map).

At farmer consultation forums conducted across the Shire in 2015, Antwerp-Woorak Road was put forward as a significant transport route which should be upgraded to a sealed surface standard. VicRoads provides a number of north-south arterial roads which cover the Hindmarsh Shire area but the Western Highway is the only east-west link across the municipality. Antwerp-Woorak Road is a significant east-west link along with Lorquon East Road which has been the subject of significant recent widening works to benefit the agricultural transport task. Antwerp-Woorak Road is a permitted B-Double access route.

The section of road in question extends between Nhill-Jeparit and Gerang-Glenlee Roads and includes four right angle bends where side roads intersect. The proposed upgrade will include improvements to the road alignment, lessening the severity of the angles of two of the bends into a safer and more efficient “s” bend. A widened asphalt surface is proposed at the remaining angles to cater for heavy vehicle movements and improve alignment.

A feed processing facility is located on this section of Antwerp-Woorak Road and, with

east-west through traffic, generates significant heavy vehicle traffic numbers which result in regular maintenance treatments to the gravel road surface. A sealed surface would reduce the ongoing maintenance burden on this section of road.

Antwerp-Woorak Road has been identified as an infrastructure project in Council's 2019/20 and 2022/23 draft capital works budgets for upgrade works to a sealed surface as a direct result of the farmer consultation process. With the provision of Local Roads to Market funding the entire unsealed length between Nhill-Jeparit and Glenlee-Lorquon can be completed in the one project. This has the added benefit of releasing financial resources for the ongoing road infrastructure renewal needs of Council.

Rainbow – Nhill Road

Rainbow - Nhill Road, adjacent Lake Hindmarsh is a sealed road approximately 35km in length between Lorquon East Road and Rainbow township, running largely parallel with the Dimboola-Rainbow Road between Dimboola and Rainbow (See attachment 2 with map).

The Rainbow-Nhill Road has been designated a no-through route for trucks. It provides an alternative route to Rainbow from the north-western areas of the shire and farmers in this area would like restrictions to be removed to enable heavy vehicle cartage to and from gypsum pits to the north of Rainbow. Safety issues have been a major reason for the current restrictions and completing safety improvements will contribute towards opening up the road to heavy vehicles. Despite this it still services a large local area and through traffic between Nhill and Rainbow.

Funding is sought for safety improvements to the "s" bend to the south of Schulzes Beach and adjacent to a feed lot which generates heavy vehicle movements on and off Nhill-Rainbow Road at a hazardous location as a result of reduced sight distances and narrow sealed pavement widths.

Currently the sealed road width is 4m with a 1.5m shoulder either side of the road. The proposal is to increase the seal width to 7m around the two bends and provide an additional 1.0m shoulder either side for a total pavement width of 9m.

This section of Rainbow-Nhill Road is identified as an infrastructure project in the Hindmarsh Shire Council 2019/20 draft budget to address safety issues as well as replacing an asset that is reaching the end of its useful life and requires renewing.

Both projects have been identified in Council's long term capital works program. If funding for these economically significant road projects was successful alterations to the one, three and 10-year capital works program would be required. The application process is competitive and applications close 30 November 2017.

This report seeks to endorse the proposed projects and ensuing applications to the Local Road to Market Program.

OPTIONS

Council can choose to submit funding applications for both, one, none or alternative projects to the Local Roads to Market Program.

LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN:

Strategic Objective 2.1: Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs.

Strategic Objective 3.1: A strong rural economy and thriving towns

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The funding guidelines state that all applications must include a \$2:\$1 ratio for rural councils. Funding will be announced in late 2017/18 for project completion due by 31 December 2019. As a result, financial commitments for these projects align with the 2018/19 financial year.

1. Antwerp – Woorak Road

- Council has identified Antwerp-Woorak Road as an upgrade project for the 2019/20 (\$344,785) and 2022/23 (\$420,000) draft budgets. Combining the projects in the funding submission would enable both segments to be completed using less of Council's own financial resources than an individual segment. The size of this project would require it to be commenced in the 2018/19 financial year to enable it to be completed before the deadline. If this project was successful partial funding would be required but offset by a reduction in funding required in 2019/20.

2. Rainbow – Nhill Road

- Council has identified Rainbow-Nhill Road as a renewal project for the 2019/20 draft budget (\$303,095). If the funding submission is successful the project would be completed in the same year it had been programmed as long as it was commenced early in the season and completed by December.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

These funding submissions do not noticeably increase the risks to Council as infrastructure projects that are already identified in its forward works program. A risk management plan will be completed for each project that receives a financial contribution through the re-allocated funds.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Under section 80C of the LGA officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible: Shane Power, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this report as the Officer Responsible, I have no interests to disclose.

Author: Mike Coppins, Asset Manager

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no interests to disclose.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY:

Council will receive written notification of the outcome of all applications. The outcomes will be confidential until the relevant Minister has made funding announcements promoting the successful projects, at which point projects will be promoted through Council's website, Facebook page and email to stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the following projects and financial contributions, and submit funding applications in order of priority:

(1) Woorak – Antwerp Road, (\$100,000 financial contribution from Council from 2018/19 budget and \$164,785 financial contribution from Council from 2019/20 budget);

(2) Rainbow – Nhill Road (\$103,095 financial contribution from Council from 2019/20 budget).

Attachment: 8 & 9

11.4 REQUEST TO NAME AN UNNAMED GOVERNMENT ROAD RESERVE AND CHANGE OF ROAD NAME – ZANKER HERITAGE ROAD AND RESERVE ROAD

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
Attachment: 10 & 11

Introduction:

A proposal to name an unnamed government road reserve to Zanker Reserve Road was endorsed by Council at its meeting 7 June 2017. A representative of landowners local to the road, has since approached Council seeking to change the original request.

Discussion:

In 2014, Council received a request to name an unnamed government road reserve in Tarranyurk, near the western boundary of the shire, within an area more commonly known amongst the local community members as Peppers Plain (see Attachment 1). At its meeting 7 June 2017, Council resolved to change the name of the road as per the 2014 request.

A representative of the landowners local to the road, Mr Trevor Zanker, was notified by Officers of the Council resolution of 7 June 2017, in a letter dated 26 September 2017. In return correspondence from Mr Zanker, dated 5 October 2017, it is disputed that the request to rename the unnamed road reserve to Zanker Reserve Road, does not accurately reflect the wishes of the surrounding landowners, and that a change from the original request had been verbally communicated to Council Officers at or around the time of the September 2017 report. Accordingly, there is no record of this conversation and/or change in request.

Mr Zanker confirms the Zanker family wish to have the following roads renamed as such (Attachment 1 graphically represents the request):

- G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) renamed to Zanker Heritage Road; and
- The unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) renamed to Reserve Road.

Procedures and principles for naming, renaming and adjusting the boundaries of geographic features, localities and roads are set out in the *Guidelines for Geographic Names*, 2010 Version 2 (in accordance with Part 2 of the *Geographic Place Names Act*, 1998). In naming a road, Council must act in accordance with these guidelines and ensure the proposal conforms to its various naming principles and procedures. Importantly, road authorities must seek the Registrar's approval for the proposed road name prior to publishing a gazette notice.

Formal proposal process:

1. Check information

Check all necessary information has been provided by the party proposing the name.

2. Apply the principles

Upon selection of a new name and/or boundaries, municipal councils should check that the proposal conforms to all of the principles outlined in Sections 1.8 (relates to consultation process) and 4.1 (relates to naming, identifying and addressing of roads) of the guidelines. These sections are detailed in Attachment 2.

3. Consult with Indigenous communities

Land adjacent to and forming the road reservations are not subject to cultural planning overlay, therefore no consultation with the Indigenous community is required.

4. Consult with emergency response and other stakeholders

As the proposal adheres to the principles of the guidelines, there is no need for consultation with emergency response and other service providers.

5. Consult with the public

The immediate community including residents, ratepayers and businesses must be consulted on proposals that will affect their address.

6. Council consideration

Once the above steps have been undertaken a report must be prepared on the proposal.

The report must include:

- discussion of how the proposal conforms to principles in Sections 1.8 and 4.1 of the guidelines; and
- discussion of and response to any objections/comments received during the consultation period(s).

Any party who responded to the proposal must be advised of Council's decision.

Upon completion of these steps, Council can lodge the proposal with the Office of Geographic Names (OGN). Upon receiving a proposal to name or rename a road, the OGN will upload details of the proposal on the Proposals webpage at www.dse.vic.gov.au/namingplaces. If the Registrar deems that the proposal conforms to the guidelines, the OGN will proceed to gazette the proposal. Once the proposal has been gazetted, the Registrar will enter the details of the new road name into VICNAMES. The gazettal date will be recorded as the official date of registration.

The proposal to formally name G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Zanker Heritage Road and the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road, meets all the requirements of the Guidelines for Geographic Names 2010 Version 2.

It is anticipated that no formal objections will be received from the community.

Options:

1. Council can choose to leave the existing road names unchanged.
2. Proceed to formally change the name of G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Zanker Heritage Road and the unnamed road

(between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road.

3. Proceed to formally change the name of G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Zanker Heritage Road and leave the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) unchanged.
4. Proceed to formally change the name of the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road and leave G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) unchanged.
5. Name the roads another name/s in accordance with the guidelines.

Link to Council Plan:

1.1 An actively engaged community.

Financial Implications:

Minor costs associated with advertising and signage can be met within the 2017/2018 adopted budget.

Risk Management Implications:

Nil

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Shane Power, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Shane Power, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

The community will be informed about the proposal through an advertisement in the Rainbow/Jeparit Argus and letters will be sent to affected property owners within the immediate vicinity of the roads.

Next Steps:

Inform the applicant of Council's decision, proceed with consultation and procedure as per the *Guidelines for Geographic Names*, 2010 Version 2, as required.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Agrees to formally name G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Zanker Heritage Road and the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road;***
- 2. Consults the community about its intent to rename roads as per recommendation 1 of this report, through advertisements in the Rainbow/Jeparit Argus and via letters to affected property owners;***
- 3. In the absence of any formal objection within a 30 day period, Council proceeds with the lodging of the formal proposal to name the road through the Office of Geographic Names; and***

4. Hears any formal objections at a further meeting of Council.

Attachment: 10 & 11

12. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

12.1 DIMBOOLA TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment: 12

Introduction:

The Dimboola Town Committee held its Meeting on 6 November 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the minutes of the Dimboola Town Committee Meeting on 6 November 2017.

Attachment: 12

12.2 YURUNGA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment: 13

Introduction:

The Yurunga Committee of Management held its Meeting on 21 September 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the minutes of the Yurunga Committee of Management Meeting on 21 September 2017.

Attachment: 13

12.3 RAINBOW TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment: 14

Introduction:

The Rainbow Town Committee held its Meeting on 25 September 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the minutes of the Rainbow Town Committee Meeting on 25 September 2017.

Attachment: 14

13. LATE REPORTS

No late reports

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council may close the meeting to the public if items to be discussed are deemed confidential, that is, if the items to be discussed relate to:

- a) Personnel matters;
- b) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- c) Industrial matters;
- d) Contractual matters;
- e) Proposed developments;
- f) Legal advice;
- g) Matters affecting the security of Council property;
- h) Any other matter which the Council or Special Committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
- (i) a resolution to close the meeting to members of the public.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 89 of the Local Government Act 1989, to consider (d) Contractual matters and b) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;

15.1 Sale of Council Owned Land - former Rainbow Primary School

15.2 Financial Hardship application

16. MEETING CLOSE
