



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD 7 FEBRUARY 2018 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 92 NELSON STREET, NHILL COMMENCING AT 3.00PM.

MINUTES

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 VicSmart Planning Permits – quarterly report

11. Reports Requiring a Decision

- 11.1 Procurement Policy Review
- 11.2 Request for co-funding installation of a fishing pontoon on Nhill Lake
- 11.3 Financial Report for the period ending 31 December 2017

12. Special Committees

- 12.1 Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum
- 12.2 Rainbow Town Committee
- 12.3 Nhill Town Committee

13. Late Reports

No report

14. Other Business

No report

15. Confidential Matters

- 15.1 Financial Hardship Application
- 15.2 Return of International KB6 Truck

16. Meeting Close

Present:

Crs R. Ismay (Mayor), R. Lowe (Deputy Mayor), T. Schneider, R. Gersch, D. Nelson

In Attendance:

Mr Greg Wood, (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Monica Revell (Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr Shane Power (Director of Infrastructure Services), Ms Shelley Gersch (Executive Assistant)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Cr Ismay opened the meeting at 3:00pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community and offering the opening prayer.

2. APOLOGIES

Cr David Colbert.

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/R. Lowe

That Council accepts the apology.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 December 2017 in the Council Chamber, 92 Nelson Street Nhill, as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: CRS T. Schneider/D. Nelson

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CARRIED

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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

No questions

6. DEPUTATIONS

Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee members spoke about their written submission on confidential item 15.2.

7. ACTIVITY REPORTS

COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES: DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

Cr ISMAY, Mayor

Attended:

- J 01/12/2017 International Day of people with disabilities, Civic Centre Nhill
- J 01/12/2017 Meeting with CEO
- J 05/12/2017 Federation University meeting CEO's Office, Nhill
- J 06/12/2017 Meeting with CEO
- J 06/12/2017 Briefing/council meeting, Nhill
- J 06/12/2017 Rainbow primary hub meeting, Rainbow
- J 13/12/2017 Rainbow primary hub meeting, Rainbow
- J 13/12/2017 Federation University foundation scholarships, Horsham
- J 15/12/2017 Western Highway action group meeting, Ararat
- J 15/12/2017 Christmas drinks with Emma Kealy and Andrew Broad, Horsham
- J 15/12/2017 Inspection of Dimboola skate park and chat with contractors
- J 16/12/2017 Turning of first sod and pouring of foundations for Rainbow brewery
- J 19/12/2017 Rainbow P 12 speech night/Rae Keam award
- J 19/12/2017 Wimmera Mallee tourism meeting, Hopetoun
- J 20/12/2017 Meeting with CEO
- J 20/12/2017 Briefing/council meeting, Nhill
- J 27/12/2017 Inspected skate park Dimboola
- J 04/01/2018 Meeting with Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee Jeparit
- J 04/01/2018 Inspection of boat ramp area Jeparit
- J 04/01/2018 Tour of weir pool at Jeparit
- J 06/01/2018 Karen new year celebration Nhill
- J 15/01/2018 Meet and arrange accommodation for Fred (Skate park)
- J 18/01/2018 Infrastructure tour Jeparit/ Rainbow
- J 18/01/2018 Meeting with WMT
- J 22/01/2018 Rainbow town committee meeting
- J 24/01/2018 Meeting with CEO
- J 24/01/2018 Official opening wind farm Kiata
- J 24/01/2018 Opening of Barengi Gadjin Wail Site
- J 26/01/2018 Australia Day, Rainbow
- J 26/01/2018 Australia Day, Jeparit
- J 26/01/2018 Australia Day, Dimboola
- J 26/01/2018 Australia Day, Nhill

Cr LOWE, DEPUTY MAYOR

Attended:

- J 01/12/2017 International Disability Day Activities, Nhill
- J 01/12/2017 Vintage Club Christmas Dinner, Nhill

- J 06/12/2017 Council Briefing, Meeting, Nhill
- J 13/12/2017 Scholarship Presentation, Federation University, Horsham
- J 16/12/2017 Christmas Party, Aged Care Home staff, Mundulla
- J 17/12/2017 Carols Evening, Rainbow
- J 18/12/2017 Entertainment Christmas Party, Avonlea, Nhill
- J 19/12/2017 Presentation Night, Nhill College
- J 20/12/2017 Council Briefing, Meeting, Councillor Dinner, Nhill
- J 21/12/2017 Council Staff Break-up, Jeparit
- J 24/12/2017 Mopoke Christmas Eve, Jeparit
- J 31/12/2017 New Years Eve Dance, Lorquon
- J 04/01/2018 Meeting WMPM, with Mayor, CEO, Simon Landrigan & Jeff Woodward, Jeparit
- J 06/01/2018 Karen New Year Celebrations, Nhill
- J 07/01/2018 Annual Filipino Gathering, Horsham
- J 16/01/2018 Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Meeting, Jeparit
- J 18/01/2018 Infrastructure Tour, Rainbow and Jeparit areas, with Mayor and DIS, Rainbow & Jeparit
- J 24/01/2018 Barengi Gadjin Land Council Plan Launch, Wail
- J 26/01/2018 Australia Day formalities, Rainbow, Jeparit, Dimboola & Nhill

Cr GERSCH

Attended:

- J 01/12/2017 Wimmera regional roads meeting
- J 01/12/2017 Youth council interviews
- J 04/12/2017 Youth council interviews
- J 06/12/2017 Council briefing and meeting
- J 08/12/2017 RCV board meeting
- J 12/12/2017 WDA board meeting
- J 20/12/2017 Council briefing and meeting
- J 20/12/2017 Council Xmas tea
- J 21/12/2017 Council Xmas breakup
- J 26/12/2017 Nhill boxing day races
- J 06/01/2018 Karen new year celebrations
- J 19/01/2018 RCV board meeting
- J 23/01/2018 NWMA subcommittee meeting, Swan Hill
- J 26/01/2018 Australia Day celebrations, Nhill

Cr COLBERT

Attended:

- J 06/12/2017 Council Briefing and Meeting, Nhill
- J 20/12/2017 Council Briefing and Meeting, Nhill
- J 01/01/2018 Karen New Year, Nhill
- J 02/01/2018 Nhill Town Committee Meeting

Cr NELSON

Attended:

-) 01/12/2017 International Day of people with disabilities, Nhill
-) 04/12/2017 Dimboola Town Committee meeting, Dimboola
-) 06/12/2017 Briefing Meeting, Nhill
-) 06/12/2017 Council Meeting, Nhill
-) 06/12/2017 Councillor /SMT dinner, Nhill
-) 12/12/2017 Wimmera Development Association meeting, Horsham
-) 13/12/2017 Federation University Scholarship awards, Horsham
-) 15/12/2017 Andrew Broad Drinks event, Horsham
-) 19/12/2017 DMSC awards night, Dimboola
-) 20/12/2017 Briefing meeting, Nhill
-) 20/12/2017 Council Meeting, Nhill
-) 06/01/2018 Karen New Year Celebrations, Nhill
-) 24/01/2018 Kiata Wind Farm Official Opening, Kiata
-) 25/01/2018 Tour of Snape Reserve, Dimboola
-) 26/01/2018 Australia Day event, Dimboola
-) 26/01/2018 Australia Day Event, Nhill

Cr SCHNEIDER

Attended:

-) 04/12/2017 Dimboola Town Committee
-) 05/12/2017 Youth Council interviews, Dimboola
-) 06/12/2017 Council Briefing and meeting, Nhill
-) 07/12/2017 Town Christmas decorations, Dimboola
-) 11/12/2017 Dimboola Memorial Secondary College School Council meeting, Dimboola
-) 15/12/2017 Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Board meeting, Horsham
-) 19/12/2017 Dimboola Memorial Secondary College Awards Night
-) 20/12/2017 Council Briefing and meeting, Nhill
-) 20/12/2017 Councillor Christmas dinner, Nhill
-) 13/01/2018 High Street Dimboola cleanup
-) 15/01/2018 High Street Dimboola cleanup
-) 26/01/2018 Australia Day commemoration, Dimboola
-) 27/01/2018 Upper Regions Cemetery work, Wail

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/D. Nelson

That Council writes letters to:

-) ***Nhill Racing Club – congratulating them on a successful Boxing Day Races 2017***
-) ***Maree Caldwell, Australia Day Ambassador – thanking her for her contribution to the Hindmarsh Shire Australia Day Events 2018***

CARRIED

SENIOR MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES: DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

GREG WOOD, Chief Executive Officer:

Attended:

- J 01/12/2017 Meeting with Mayor
- J 01/12/2017 Sharing Wimmera Regulatory Services Meeting, Horsham
- J 04/12/2017 RDV monthly meeting, Nhill
- J 05/12/2017 Council First Skype Webcast Demo, Nhill
- J 05/12/2017 Federation University meeting CEOs Office, Nhill
- J 06/12/2017 Meeting with Mayor
- J 06/12/2017 Budget Briefing Discussion, Nhill
- J 06/12/2017 Council Briefing and Meeting, Nhill
- J 08/12/2017 Hindmarsh Early Years Supported Playgroup Funding
Teleconference
- J 11/12/2017 Dimboola Community Civic Hub
- J 12/12/2017 WDA Meeting, Horsham
- J 13/12/2017 Oasis Meeting, Rainbow
- J 14/12/2017 Shared Services Meeting, Horsham
- J 14/12/2017 CEO Wimmera Regional Meeting, Horsham
- J 15/12/2017 Sharing Wimmera Regulatory Services Meeting, Horsham
- J 18/12/2017 Local Government Bill 2018 Exposure Draft Briefings, Bendigo
- J 19/12/2017 Nhill College Presentation Evening, Nhill
- J 20/12/2017 Meeting with Mayor
- J 20/12/2017 Council Briefing and Meeting, Nhill
- J 20/12/2017 SMT and Councillor Dinner, Nhill
- J 21/12/2017 All staff Christmas break up, Jeparit
- J 04/01/2018 Meeting with Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee
members, Mayor and Cr Lowe, Jeparit
- J 04/01/2018 Inspection of boat ramp area Jeparit with Mayor
- J 04/01/2018 Tour of weir pool at Jeparit with Mayor
- J 06/01/2018 Karen New Year celebrations, Nhill
- J 16/12/2018 Firearms Licence Training, Nhill
- J 24/01/2018 Meeting with Mayor
- J 24/01/2018 Official Opening of Kiata Wind Farm
- J 24/01/2018 Barengi Gadjin Land Council Country Plan Launch and Wail
Office Opening

SHANE POWER, Director Infrastructure Services:

Attended:

- J 01/12/2017 Shared Wimmera Regulatory Services, Horsham
- J 01/12/2017 Wimmera Regional Transport Group, Horsham
- J 04/12/2017 Dimboola Township Committee Meeting, Dimboola
- J 06/12/2017 Council Briefing, Nhill

- J 06/12/2017 Council Meeting, Nhill
- J 12/12/2017 Aerodrome discussions, Nhill
- J 15/12/2017 Shared Wimmera Regulatory Services, Horsham
- J 18/12/2017 Crime Prevention Reference Group, Horsham
- J 18/12/2017 Nhill Township Committee Meeting, Nhill
- J 20/12/2017 Council Briefing, Nhill
- J 20/12/2017 Council Meeting, Nhill
- J 21/12/2017 Staff Christmas function, Jeparit
- J 10/01/2018 Contract discussion, Wimmera Mallee Waste, Rainbow
- J 11/01/2018 Nhill Aerodrome Stakeholders Meeting, Nhill
- J 16/01/2018 Firearms Licence Training
- J 17/01/2018 VCAT Directions Hearing (teleconference), Nhill
- J 18/01/2018 North Ward issues and opportunities meeting with Councillors
Lowe and Ismay, various locations
- J 24/01/2018 Official Opening of Horsham ICC, Horsham
- J 24/01/2018 Launch of the Barengi Gadjin Land Councils *Country Plan* and
Official opening of the Wail facility, Wail

MONICA REVELL, Director Corporate and Community Services:

Attended:

- J 05/12/2017 Software web demonstration
 - J 05/12/2017 Council First Skype Webcast Demo, Nhill
 - J 06/12/2017 Council Briefing, Nhill
 - J 06/12/2017 Council Meeting, Nhill
 - J 08/12/2017 Meeting with Department of Health
 - J 13/12/2017 Emergency Management Working Group Meeting
 - J 15/12/2017 WRLC Board Meeting
 - J 18-31/12/2017 Annual Leave
 - J 16/01/2018 Firearms Licence Training, Nhill
 - J 17-26/01/2018 Annual Leave
 - J 29/01/2018 Meeting with Wimmera Uniting
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8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: 2

Introduction:

The following correspondence is tabled for noting by Council:

- Dimboola Playgroup
 - o *Congratulating the Playgroup on receiving Community Playgroup of the Year for Rural/Regional Victoria*
- Cal Myers, Leading Senior Constable
 - o *Congratulating him on 15 years' service*
- Darren Sadler, Sergeant
 - o *Congratulating him on 15 years' service and National Police Service Medal*
- Dimboola Town Committee
 - o *Congratulating committee on Keep Victoria Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards*
- Dimboola RSL Sub Branch
 - o *Congratulating committee on Keep Victoria Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards*
- Menzies Foundation
 - o *Thanking the Foundation for their contribution to the youth in Hindmarsh Shire*
- John Smith
 - o *Thanking him for his contribution and service as CEO of West Wimmera Health Service*
- Nhill Dimboola Band Inc
 - o *Thanking the band for their contributions to the community*
- West Wimmera Health Service Loop the Greens
 - o *Inwards – thanking Hindmarsh Shire Council for their contribution to the event*
- Rainbow Archive and Historical Society
 - o *Advising of contribution from Hindmarsh Shire Council*
- Rainbow Archive and Historical Society
 - o *Thanking Hindmarsh Shire Council for the \$500 contribution to the society*

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/R. Lowe

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

CARRIED

Attachment: 2

9. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: 3

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Assembly of Councillors Record as presented.

MOVED: CRS R. Lowe/D. Nelson

That Council accepts the Assembly of Councillors Record as presented.

CARRIED

Attachment: 3

10. PLANNING PERMITS

10.1 VICSMART PLANNING PERMITS – QUARTERLY REPORT

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Introduction:

This report is to inform Council, and provide an update on VicSmart permits processed by Council for the period 20/09/17 – 31/12/17, as per Councillor briefing on 20 September 2017.

Discussion:

The VicSmart planning permit process is a statutory process that was introduced to streamline ‘simple’ planning permit applications.

Key features of VicSmart include:

-) A 10 business day permit process
-) Applications are not advertised
-) Information to be submitted with applications and what Council can consider is pre-set
-) The CEO or his delegate decides the application.

The table below indicates the status of VicSmart permit applications within this period.

Permit No.	Address	Proposal	Date Received	Date Approved	Statutory Days	Comments
1569-2017	90 Lloyd Street, Dimboola	Buildings & Works for carport, steel fences & alterations to building	20/09/2017	04/10/2017	1 (due to 'Request for Information' (RFI))	Under construction
1574-2017	9 King Street, Rainbow	To build a Mens' Shed	23/11/2017	N/A	0	Fee not paid – processing time not started

Options

N/A

Link to Council Plan:

- Strategic Objective 1.1 - An actively engaged community.
- 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
- Strategic Objective 4.2 - Quality customer services
- Strategic Objective 4.6 - An organisation that takes its risk management

responsibilities seriously and embeds a culture of risk management throughout the organisation.

Financial Implications:

Fees associated with planning permit applications and amendments are set by the State in accordance with the Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016. These fees are currently being applied to all applications received by Council. It is therefore considered that the VicSmart process does not have any financial implications for Council.

Risk Management Implications:

Risk is managed appropriately by adhering to the VicSmart process.

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 & Development

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

Communications Strategy:

Nil

Next Steps:

Next Quarterly Report is to be provided on 4 April 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes this report.

MOVED: CRS D. Nelson/R. Lowe

That Council receives and notes this report.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

11.1 PROCUREMENT POLICY REVIEW

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment Number: 4

Introduction:

Council's Procurement Policy is the key operational policy for tendering, quotations for and purchasing of goods and services. The intent of the Procurement Policy is to achieve best value outcomes and ensure high standards of probity and accountability in Council's procurement of goods, services and works. The policy is required to be reviewed annually.

The current policy was adopted on 18 December 2013 and reviewed in July 2015, May 2016 and February 2017. It is proposed a change be made to the policy to include section 2.3.3 Exceptions to obtaining quotations, and 2.3.4 Chief Executive Officers Discretion.

Discussion:

The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) section 186A requires Council to prepare, approve and comply with a Procurement Policy encompassing the principles, processes and procedures applied to all purchases of goods, services and works by the Council. Council must review the Procurement Policy annually and make it available for public inspection at Council offices and on its website.

The purpose of this Policy is to:

1. provide policy and guidance to Council to allow consistency and control over Procurement activities;
2. demonstrate accountability to rate payers;
3. provide guidance on ethical behaviour in public sector purchasing;
4. demonstrate the application of elements of best practice in purchasing; and
5. increase the probability of obtaining the right outcome when purchasing goods and service

The policy applies to all contracting and procurement activities at Council and is binding upon Councillors, Council staff and temporary employees, contractors and consultants while engaged by Council.

Upon review of the Procurement Policy in January 2018 officers requested the policy include two new sections – 2.3.3 Exceptions to obtaining quotations, and 2.3.4 Chief Executive Officers Discretion. This request has been made because there are occasions when insufficient suitably qualified contractors are available to provide the desired number of quotations. This can occur when the works are of a specialised nature and there are limited local contractors and the job is not attractive enough for contractors to travel from outside of the shire.

It is proposed to include the following:

2.3.3 Exceptions to obtaining quotations

The required number of quotations must be obtained in all circumstances except for:

-) Emergency response, relief or recovery including urgent medical attention.
-) Plant and equipment servicing and spare parts and similar under warranty.
-) Legal services.
-) Specialist knowledge and skill or sole supplier of intellectual property.
-) Conferences, Training Courses, Seminars, Information Forums.
-) Sole supplier services such as library, water and fire.
-) At the Chief Executive Officers discretion in accordance with section 2.3.4.

2.3.4 Chief Executive Officers Discretion

In the event of:

-) An unforeseen urgency; or
-) a strong preference for continuity of supply; or
-) goods, services or works being of such a specialised nature that there are insufficient known suppliers from which to seek the required number of quotations

The Chief Executive Officer may, upon receiving a written explanation from the relevant Director, give approval to seek less than the number of quotations required by section 2.3.2.2.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 4.1 - Long-term financial sustainability.

Strategic Objective 4.6 - An organisation that takes risk management responsibilities seriously and embeds a culture of risk management throughout the organisation.

Financial Implications:

The Procurement Policy provides the processes to be followed when tendering for goods and services. Financial delegations are assigned to positions and authorise limits for signing purchase orders and authorising invoices.

Risk Management Implications:

Purchases and payments are reviewed regularly by the Finance Team to ensure compliance with the policy.

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 & Author: Monica Revell, Director Corporate & Community Services
In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no interests to disclose.

Communications Strategy:

The Procurement Policy is available to key suppliers and available on Council's website.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council updates the Procurement Policy to include section 2.3.3 Exceptions to obtaining quotations; and section 2.3.4 Chief Executive Officers Discretion.

MOVED: CRS T. Schneider/D. Nelson

That Council updates the Procurement Policy to include section 2.3.3 Exceptions to obtaining quotations; and section 2.3.4 Chief Executive Officers Discretion.

CARRIED

Attachment: 4

11.2 REQUEST FOR CO-FUNDING INSTALLATION OF A FISHING PONTOON ON NHILL LAKE

Responsible Officer: Director of Corporate and Community Services

Introduction:

This report seeks financial support from Council for a funding application through the Victorian Fisheries Authority, Recreational Fishing Grants program to install a fishing pontoon at Nhill Lake.

The Recreational Fishing Large Grants Program provides funds for projects between \$5,001 - \$100,000 GST Exclusive for the following categories;

-) Recreational fishing access and facilities
-) Recreational fisheries sustainability and habitat improvement
-) Recreational fisheries related education, information and training, and
-) Recreational fisheries research

Preference will be given to projects that leverage off other projects, and/or which some financial co-funding or in-kind contribution can be made by the project proponent(s) to the funds being sought.

The 2017/18 round of the Large Grants Program will close on 28 February 2018.

Discussion:

Council is working with the Nhill Lake Committee on a project to install a fishing pontoon on the Nhill Lake, which will be similar to previous projects completed by Council to install fishing pontoons on the Wimmera River at Dimboola and Jeparit.



Fishing pontoon at Dimboola, similar to what is proposed for installation at Nhill Lake

Both of these previous projects received the support of Council, by way of a \$10,000 contribution to the Dimboola pontoon ahead of construction and an \$8,000 contribution to the Jeparit pontoon that was provided after installation to create things such as accessible pathways and provide bollards for boundaries.

Though final design, layout and size of the pontoon are still to be confirmed, it is expected

that the cost of the project will be between \$45,000 and \$50,000 (ex GST). This cost covers all works associated with the project, including the installation of the pontoon, installation of the concrete abutment 'anchor point', access pathways and acknowledgement signage.

It is requested that Council contribute \$10,000 to the project to install a fishing pontoon on the Nhill Lake as part of the application to the Recreational Fisheries Grants Program.

In support of this application the Nhill Lake Committee will provide in kind support with the supply and installation of gravel access pathways, bollards and any other landscaping requirements to ensure the fishing pontoon is accessible.

Council's contribution would be allocated from ledger **30104 - Council Contribution to Grant Funded Projects.**

The fishing pontoon will provide easier, safer access to the lake for those engaged in recreational fishing, particularly those with mobility issues.

Link to Council & Community Plans:

It is expected that the Fishing Pontoon will further promote the Nhill Lake as a destination for both locals and tourists alike, an objective identified in both the Nhill Precinct Plan 2016 and the Hindmarsh Shire Recreation Strategy 2016.

The installation of a Fishing Pontoon will also align with objectives identified in the Council Plan 2013-2017

Strategic Objectives:

- 1.3 A community that is physically active with access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and recreational activities.
- 3.2 A thriving tourism industry
- 3.2.2 Appealing tourism facilities that promote visitation and meet visitor needs.

Financial Implications:

30104 - Council Contribution to Grant Funded Projects \$10,000

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 – Monica Revell, Director Corporate & Community Services

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

Author – Simon Landrigan, Community Development Coordinator

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

Risk Management Implications:

Project Risk Assessment completed. Council to ensure contractor induction is completed prior to installation and appropriate safety signage is installed on the pontoon.

Communications Strategy

Media release should Council's application be successful and again at subsequent launch of boating pontoon. Promotion via Council Facebook page.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council allocates \$10,000 funding towards the Nhill Lake Fishing Pontoon Project subject to a successful grant application.

MOVED: CRS T. Schneider/R. Gersch

That Council allocates \$10,000 funding towards the Nhill Lake Fishing Pontoon Project subject to a successful grant application, and requests the Lake Committee consult with the Nhill Town Committee about the proposal.

CARRIED

11.3 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2017

Responsible Officer: Director of Corporate and Community Services
Attachment number: 5

Introduction:

The Financial Report for the second quarter of 2017/18 financial year has been prepared, including explanations of variances where applicable, and is presented for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Financial Report as presented.

MOVED: CRS T. Schneider/R. Gersch

That Council accepts the Financial Report as presented.

CARRIED

Attachment: 5

12. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

12.1 WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment: 6

Introduction:

The Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum held its meeting on 16 January 2018. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting and to appoint Iain Sedgman to the committee and accept his nomination as secretary. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the minutes of the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum, appoints Iain Sedgman to the WMPM committee, and accepts the nomination of Iain Sedgman as secretary.

MOVED: CRS R. Lowe/T. Schneider

That Council notes the minutes of the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum, appoints Iain Sedgman to the WMPM committee, and accepts the nomination of Iain Sedgman as secretary.

CARRIED

Attachment: 6

12.2 NHILL TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment: 7

Introduction:

The Nhill Town Committee held its meeting on 18 December 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from these meetings. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the minutes of the Nhill Town Committee Meeting held on 18 December 2017.

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/R. Lowe

That Council notes the minutes of the Nhill Town Committee Meeting held on 18 December 2017.

CARRIED

Attachment: 7

12.3 RAINBOW TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment: 8

Introduction:

The Rainbow Town Committee held its general meeting on 27 November 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from these meetings. 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 held on 27 November 2017.

MOVED: CRS R. Lowe/T. Schneider

That Council notes the minutes of the Rainbow Town Committee meeting held on 27 November 2017.

CARRIED

Attachment: 8

13. LATE REPORTS

No 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:

- 15.1 *Financial Hardship Application***
- 15.2 *Return of International KB6 Truck***

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/R. Lowe

That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 89 of the Local Government Act 1989, to consider:

- 15.1 *Financial Hardship Application***
- 15.2 *Return of International KB6 Truck***

CARRIED

Council resumed in open session at 4.23pm.

16. MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business, Cr R. Ismay declared the meeting closed at 4.24pm.
