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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD 8 SEPTEMBER 2021 VIA ZOOM, COMMENCING AT 3:00PM.

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer

2. Apologies

3. Declaration of Interests

4. Confirmation of Minutes

5. Public Question and Submission Time

6. Activity Reports

7. Conference Reports

7.1 Conference Report – Cr Bywaters

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9.1 Planning Permit Application PA1714-2021 – Development of a Shed – for Storage of a Horse Float, Trailer, Plant and Equipment to Maintain the Site at 21a Arnold Street Nhill VIC 3418

9.2 Planning Permit Application PA1725-2021 – Four (4) Lot Subdivision at 12 Park

Street Dimboola VIC 3414

- 9.3 Planning Permit Application PA1742-2021 – Development of a Dwelling – 112 Ellerman Street Dimboola VIC 3414
- 9.4 Planning Permit Application PA1726-2021 – Extend the Hours and Days of Trading Allowed for the Existing Liquor Licence at 31 Nelson Street Nhill VIC 3418

10. Reports Requiring a Decision

- 10.1 Communities of Respect and Equality Strategy 2021-2025
- 10.2 Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday 2021
- 10.3 Draft Long Term Financial Plan
- 10.4 Water Fluoridation
- 10.5 Councillor Development – Cr Bywaters

11. Council Committees

- 11.1 Nhill Town Committee
- 11.2 Yurunga Committee of Management

12. Late Reports

13. Notice of Motion

14. Other Business

15. Confidential Matters

- 15.1 Request for Tender – Award Contract for the Management and Operation of Council Owned Swimming Pool Facilities
- 15.2 Extension of Waste Contracts

16. Meeting Closed

Crs R Ismay (Mayor), M Albrecht (Deputy Mayor), D Nelson, B Ireland, W Bywaters, R Gersch

In Attendance:

Mr Greg Wood (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Monica Revell (Director Corporate and Community Services), Ms Angela Hoy (Director Infrastructure Services) and Ms Shauna Johnson (Executive Assistant).

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

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

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies.

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY MATERIAL OR GENERAL INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

A Councillor with a conflict of interest in an item on the Agenda must indicate that they have a conflict of interest by clearly stating:

- the item for which they have a conflict of interest;
- whether their conflict is **general** or **material**; and
- the circumstances that give rise to the conflict of interest.

Declaration of material or general conflict of interest must also be advised by Councillors at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

Cr W Bywaters declared a material conflict of interest in relation to item 8.1, correspondence letters with Hamish and Lucy Merrett, as her land adjoins the land relevant to the correspondence.

Cr W Bywaters declared a material conflict of interest in relation to item 10.5 as the decision benefits Cr Bywaters.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 August 2021 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/M Albrecht

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 August 2021 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

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5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

Community members wishing to ask questions at council meetings may do so, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the council meeting. Both the question and answer will be read out at the meeting. Questions may be submitted by mail, email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or delivered in person to a council customer centre but are limited to two questions and 100 words including any pre-ambule. Offensive, trivial and repetitive questions or questions, which have been recently answered, may be excluded at the discretion of the Mayor.

The question must be accompanied by a name and the locality where the questioner resides or works, which will be read out at the meeting. By submitting a question, the questioner gives consent to this information being read out in public. Anonymous questions will not be answered.

No public questions or submissions received.

6. ACTIVITY REPORTS

COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES: AUGUST 2021

Cr ISMAY, MAYOR

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
04/08/2021	Australian Citizenship Ceremony	Dimboola	
	Council Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
	Council Meeting		
05/08/2021	Interview with ABC Radio		

13/08/2021	RCV Border Control Meeting	Zoom	
	Rainbow Enduro Meeting		
17/08/2021	WMT Meeting	Kaniva	
18/08/2021	Free Energy Council Webinar		
	Sod turn with Anne Webster	Albacutya Bridge	
19/08/2021	Meeting with Health Officials RE Merger	Zoom	
	Welcome home for Lucy Stephan	Nhill	
25/08/2021	Citizenship Ceremony, Shelly Kaur		
26/08/2021	Councillor Development Session	Zoom	

Cr ALBRECHT, DEPUTY MAYOR

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
04/08/2021	Council Briefing	Nhill	
	Council Meeting	Nhill	
16/08/2021	Nhill Town Committee	Zoom	Progression of key projects including Dog Park survey, upcoming events and Welcome to Nhill packs. Discussion also occurred regarding the desire of the Town Committee to explore painting the Nhill Water Tower.
19/08/2021	Regional Partnership Meeting	Zoom	Presentation by Ballarat Health Services, Wimmera Health Care Group, Edenhope & District Memorial Hospital and Stawell Regional Hospital.
19/08/2021	An Afternoon with Lucy Stephan	Nhill	Congratulations to Lucy Stephan for an outstanding achievement. Lucy was a delight to listen to and already an accomplished public speaker. I would encourage anyone in the community to hear her story if you have the opportunity.

Cr GERSCH

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
03/08/2021	JP Signing re Shire		
04/08/2021	Council Meeting		
13/08/2021	RCV Board meeting opening of Rural VIC		
19/08/2021	Council welcome for Lucy Stephan		
25/08/2021	Zoom link up Citizenship – Shelly Kaur		
27/08/2021	RCV Board Meeting		
30/08/2021	Zoom Meeting with consultant Joy		
30/08/2021	Zoom Meeting re Grants Commission		

Cr IRELAND

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
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04/08/2021	Citizenship Ceremony	Dimboola Civic Hub	For 2 Dimboola residents
	Council Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
	Council Meeting		
17/08/2021	Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Meeting		
19/08/2021	Civic reception for gold medallist Lucy Stephan	Nhill	
26/08/2021	Yurunga Homestead meeting	Zoom	

Cr NELSON

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
28/07/2021	Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Meeting	Online	
04/08/2021	Council Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
	Council Meeting		
19/08/2021	Civic reception for Lucy Stephan	Nhill	
30/08/2021	VLGGC Information Session	Online	

Cr BYWATERS

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
29/07/2021	WSM LLEN Committee Meeting	Zoo,	
30/07/2021	WWHS Community Advisory Committee Meeting	Nhill Hospital	
02/08/2021	Dimboola Town Committee Meeting	Online	Minutes attached to August 4 Council Meeting
03/08/2021	Hindmarsh Tourism Meeting	Zoom	
04/08/2021	Council briefing meeting and Council Meeting	Nhill Community Centre	
19/08/2021	An afternoon with Gold medal winner, 2020 Olympian rower Lucy Stephan	Nhill Community Centre	
20/08/2021	Understanding council finances, Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) workshop	Online Zoom	
23/08/2021 to 29/08/2021	Book Week, Book Hunt!		Thanks to everyone that help make the lock down walks around our towns exciting for our children and families. Many people placed their favourite books, or a picture of a character in their windows or gardens for book week. My book was The Happy Mask. I did see many, including

			'Where's Wally' hiding in Miss Pam's garden. Great work everyone!
26/08/2021	Discrimination, harassment and bullying MAV workshop	Zoom	
26/08/2021	West Wimmera Country Women's association (CWA) Group Conference	Zoom	Dimboola CWA hosted the West Wimmera CWA Group conference and I had the pleasure of opening the online conference. Congratulations to the CWA ladies on a job well done!
30/08/2021	Victorian Local Government Grants Commission Information Session	Online	

7. CONFERENCE REPORTS

7.1 CONFERENCE REPORT – CR BYWATERS

Councillor: Cr Wendy Bywaters

Background:

Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Victorian conference hosted by the City of Yarra at the Fitzroy Town Hall, May 2021. The theme was "culture, conduct and retention: The next 100 years of women in local government".

Summary:

Welcome to Country: We were also treated to a performance by the Djirri Djirri Dancers of the Wurundjeri Women's Dance Group. Djirri Djirri, meaning Willy Wagtail in their language.

Cr Gabrielle de Vietri, Mayor City of Yarra:

Yarra has a proud history of elevating women in leadership. In 1920, Mary Rogers was elected to City of Richmond Council as the first female elected to any tier of Government in Victoria. This is a legacy that continues through to today. Cr De Vietri is joined by five other diverse women representing Yarra as Councillors. It's rare to see this type of majority representation in Australian governments, and it's something Yarra are very proud of.

The Hon. Shaun Leane MP: Minister for Local Government. A quietly spoken Minister Leane spoke to the 273 strong audience of, mostly women about growing up with his widowed mother, a nurse, working night shift to raise her family of eight children. He highlighted his respect and admiration for women and the ALGWA.

Cr Kylie Spears, President ALGWA Vic: Cr Spears highlighted, “Culture is so important in any workplace, and starts with us all as individuals.

Conduct provides a basis for positive culture, and we can’t underestimate how important this is in today’s environment. Considering the Gender Equality Act, respectful relationships are a significant part of conduct.

And finally, retention. Positive conduct and culture provide the strong foundations that lead to retention. Retention is vital in achieving a 50-50 gender balance by 2025.”

Danielle Pepyat: ALGWA Vic Bursary Award Winner 2020. An inspiring woman, Danielle is Coordinator of Council Laws at Maroondah City Council. For the past 7 years, she has held leadership positions with two councils whilst completing a law degree part time.

Helen Haines MP + Winsome McCaughey AO: Women’s Ways of Knowing, Doing and Power Sharing.

Dr Niki Vincent: Changing the culture to achieve gender equality. You can’t fix what you can’t see. We have a lot of work to do. People of all gender need to do this.

Michael Stefanovic AM: Chief Municipal Inspector, Local Government Inspectorate. Spoke on their role in monitoring local government and ensuring the integrity of elections.

Melissa Scadden: Justitia Lawyer navigating conflict amongst Councillors.

Jill Gallagher AO: Women in Leadership. Born “not a citizen” in 1955, Jill Gallagher AO has spent the last 20 years, advancing Aboriginal health and wellbeing. Fly the flag, respect, and acknowledge Sorry day/ Australia day. Very thought provoking!

Clare McCartin and Vanessa Huxley: Driving local government workplace performance beyond 2021.

Maggie Toko; Leadership: A time to rise up and claim our opportunity. An incredible woman and received a standing ovation.

Natalie Egan & Renee Cassidy: Sexual harassment in local government – Victorian Auditor General Office (VAGO) 2020 performance audit.

Coral Ross & Sandra Wilson: Sexual harassment in local government.

Tessa Sullivan: Sexual harassment, media, workplace laws, legislation, and current social movements.

Dr Samantha Ratnam MLC: Integrity - the key to success

Coral Ross: How to elect more women to council – lessons learned from overseas. Speaking of her research, Ms Ross talked about the initiatives in place around the world to encourage women to participate in government. "What I found was that none of the programs can be properly implemented without money. Programs are in place to 'fix women'" says Coral Ross, discussing her research for the Churchill Fellowship. She said that until the focus is taken off 'fixing women', the issue of retention cannot be resolved: "There will be a revolving door."

Jane Gazzo: The power of music and Helen Reddy's legacy.

Emma Donovan: Special performance of "I am Woman". Another standing ovation.

Kate Oliver, Partner, Maddocks: Assisting Councils with the new Local Government Act 2020.

Nyadol Nyuon: Born in a refugee camp in Itang, Ethiopia, and raised in Kakuma Refugee camp, Kenya. In 2005, at the age of eighteen, she moved to Australia as a refugee.

Since then, Nyadol has completed a Bachelor of Arts from Victoria University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Melbourne. She worked as a commercial litigator at Arnold Bloch Leibler and recently moved to the Department of Justice and Community Safety.

Nyadol is a vocal advocate for human rights, multiculturalism, the settlement of people with refugee experiences, and those seeking asylum. She has worked and volunteered extensively in these areas with a range of organisations.

Nyadol is also a regular media commentator having appeared on ABC's The Drum, as a panellist on Q&A and contributing to The Age, Sydney Morning Herald and the Saturday Paper. She was recently appointed as a regular columnist for the Age.

Key Learnings:

Local Government set the tone (culture) for the community. We cannot fix what we cannot see, education is the key. We have come a long way in 100 years, but we still have a long way to go.

As a Council, we are committed to equality and empowerment for people of all genders, cultures, and abilities. Forums like this help us have brave conversations about the important role of women – and indeed diversity – in local government and politics. May we continue to support and elevate women in all areas of life.

We are all Part of the next 100 years! Let's make local Government a place we want to be!

7.2 CONFERENCE REPORT – CR ISMAY

Councillor: Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay

Background:

2021 Rural Councils Victoria Summit, held in Nagambie from 26 May to 28 May 2021.

Summary:

Regionalisation:

- The gap between the coastal and inland areas is closing.
- Attraction of people is very competitive.
- City dwellers are stressed out.
- Lack of land and building materials is a major drawback.
- 10 - 15 % of city people will move to regional areas, work from home.
- We will not go back to "normal"

Bernard Salt AM:

Rural Victoria has the scale of a small country but it is a patchwork of communities, each with unique assets and attributes. I think the outlook for this collective is stronger and more positive because of the pandemic, the new census (August 2021) will capture this shift as part of the Australian penchant for lifestyle, and in which case, the 2020s could really be the time for Victoria's councils to shine.

My thoughts:

- Need to have dedicated info sessions around the August census.
- This is where the State / Federal Government will focus with regard to funding for the next four years.
- Do another campaign to encourage vacant home owners to sell, particularly with the strong demand and favourable prices.
- Actively promote our shire over the next 12/18 months, Radio, TV, and Website.
- Get involved in <https://movetomore.com.au/>

Recycling:

- Divert 80% of waste from landfill by 2030
- Cut total waste generation by 15% per capita by 2030
- Halve volume of organic material going to landfill between 2020-2030
- All households have access to a food and organic waste services (recycling/compost) by 2030
- Up to \$250,000 to support community-based projects engaging communities with local solutions for low waste living
- Up to \$500,000 for Councils for circular economy projects.

My Thoughts:

- We are severely handicapped by the tyranny of distance; it would be great to

develop something local.

- Some sort of shredder/ tub grinder to minimise the size of waste. Compaction.

Key Learnings:

All in all, a great conference as always, although cut short because of lockdown.

7.3 CONFERENCE REPORT – CR IRELAND

Councillor: Cr Brett Ireland

Background:

I was privileged to attend the 2021 Rural Councils Victoria Summit at Mitchelton Winery in Nagambie from Wednesday 26 May to Friday 28 May 2021.

Summary:

There was a variety of speakers ranging from the urban sprawl, the future of waste, attracting large food manufacturers to rural Victoria, affordable housing and finally the keynote presenter, Bernard Salt, who spoke on Census results and “demographic destiny”.

Key Learnings:

My key learning areas revolved around personally meeting and conversing with many CEO’s, Mayors and Councillors from a variety of the 38 rural Councils, and understanding our “like” problems whether a large or small municipality.

Additional benefit was gained by understanding the trends that are occurring with migration to regional Victoria and why people leave the country for periods of their life and then return later on. An instance of this is after the age of 20, a large proportion of young adults leave rural Victoria and appear to then return around 50 years of age.

I summarise below some of the key points that I found very interesting and that I feel the community would be interested in:

- A presenter spoke of the ‘Move to More’ campaign ran in Melbourne and advised that 1 in 5 people were prepared to move rural. 70% of these were prepared to move 200kms or more (what is called outside family zone).

It was noted that no more people than normal were coming, but less were leaving. This is leaving a NET increase in migration.

- It was also shown that one job created in a population of under 1000 people had 31 times the impact of a job created in a populous of 100,000.

- Speakers addressed the possibility of attracting large food or beverage companies to the country and have researched which towns or cities have ready-made premises to accommodate same. I personally would think the costs of distribution may be a huge deterrent.
- Recycling is a big issue and it appears there is a push for 4-bins per household being general waste, paper, cans and glass, and organic. Obviously in our shire, the logistics and expense of pick up will be a problem.
- My highlight probably was when Bernard Salt spoke of the 21 key elements a town needs to survive. Some were not relevant to our very small towns. These elements consisted of school, hospital, doctors, etc.

He did state, however, that every single town needed one of them at the top to survive, calling it “a united community”. We need to ask ourselves, do we fall into that category?

- It was interesting to note that before COVID, 5% of people worked from home (this includes our farmers). During COVID, this rose to 35% and is expected to correct back to around 15-17% which is a significant increase.

For every 5% increase, there is 600,000 less commuters a day in our cities. Obviously this has a significant impact on pollution and carbon emission, etc.

In finalising, it was an informative and rewarding experience.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Cr W Bywaters declared a material conflict of interest and left the meeting at 3:22pm.

8.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Numbers: 2 - 10

Introduction:

The following correspondence is tabled for noting by Council.

Inwards:

- 05/08/2021 – Letter from Nhill Agricultural & Pastoral Inc. RE Cancellation of Nhill Show Day
- 12/08/2021 – Written proposal from Hamish and Lucy Merrett RE Nhill Main Drain
- 30/08/2021 – Letter from Anne Simms RE Speed Limit Change Taverner Street

Rainbow

- 31/08/2021 – Letter from Jim’s Butchery RE Business Closure

Outwards:

- 11/08/2021 – Letter Response to Nhill Agricultural & Pastoral Inc. RE Cancellation of Nhill Show Day
- 16/08/2021 – Letter Response to Hamish and Lucy Merrett RE Nhill Main Drain
- 17/08/2021 – Letter Response to Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation RE Ebenezer Road Closure Request
- 19/08/2021 – Letter Response to Wendy Werner RE Wimmera Discovery Trail
- 01/09/2021 – Letter Response to Jim’s Butchery RE Business Closure

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/B Ireland

That Council notes the following attached correspondence:

- *12/08/2021 – Written proposal from Hamish and Lucy Merrett RE Nhill Main Drain*
- *16/08/2021 – Letter response to Hamish and Lucy Merrett RE Nhill Main Drain*

CARRIED

Cr W Bywaters returned to the meeting at 3:24pm.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/M Albrecht

That Council notes the following attached correspondence:

- *05/08/2021 – Letter from Nhill Agricultural & Pastoral Inc. RE Cancellation of Nhill Show Day*
- *30/08/2021 – Letter from Anne Simms RE Speed Limit Change Taverner Street Rainbow*
- *31/08/2021 – Letter from Jim’s Butchery RE Business Closure*
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CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 2 – 10

9. PLANNING PERMITS

9.1 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION PA1714-2021 – DEVELOPMENT OF A SHED – FOR STORAGE OF A HORSE FLOAT, TRAILER, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN THE SITE AT 21A ARNOLD STREET NHILL VIC 3418

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services.
File: Planning – Applications – PA1714-2021.
Assessment: 200341
Application No. **PA1714-2021**
Applicant: Jodie Senior, North West Planning
Owner: Hayley Jane Merrett.
Subject Land: 21A Arnold Street, Nhill VIC 3418.
Proposal: Development of a shed for storage of a horse float, trailer, plant and equipment to maintain the site.
Zoning & Overlays: Farming Zone (FZ)
No Overlays
Relevant Clauses: Clause 35.07-4 Farming Zone (Buildings and Works)
Attachment Numbers: 11 - 13

Summary:

This report recommends that Council approve Planning Permit PA1714-2021 for the development of a shed for storage of a horse float, trailer, plant and equipment to maintain the site at 21A Arnold Street, Nhill, 3418, formally described as Lot 2 on PS604789J (refer to figure 1). The land is currently vacant and void of any remnant vegetation.

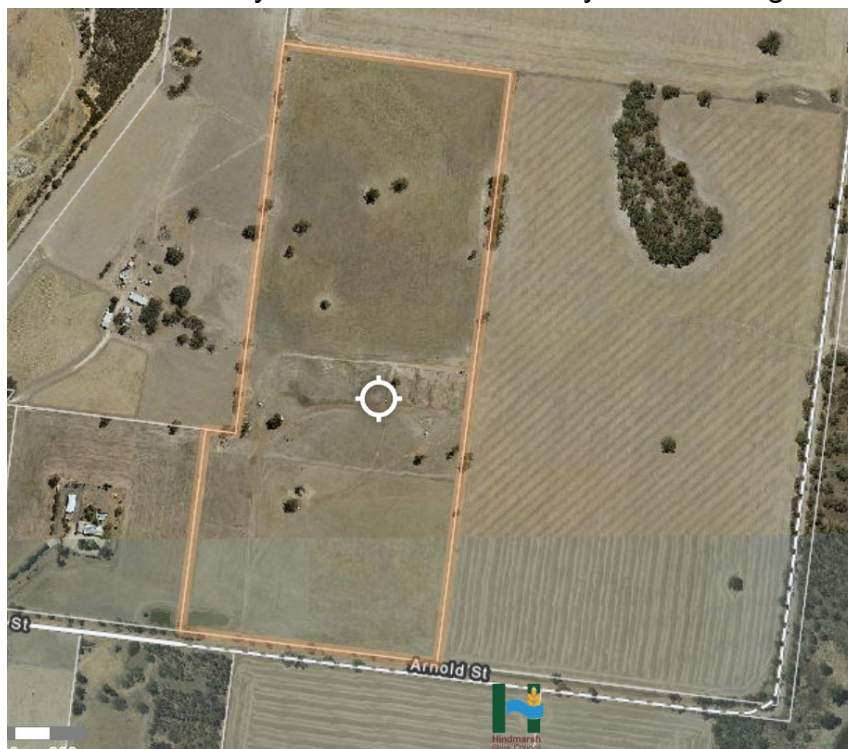


Figure 1: Sites Location (source: Council Community Maps)

Background:

The application has been lodged by North West Planning on behalf of Ms Hayley Merrett for development of a shed for storage of a horse float, trailer, plant and equipment to maintain the site. The application was received on 5 August, 2021 and was considered to be satisfactory to proceed to public notification on the same day (refer to permit history below).

Permit History:

The Owner had originally submitted an application on 16 October 2020 for the use of the land for Domestic Animal Husbandry - Keeping and Breeding of more than five Domestic Dogs, referenced as Planning Application PA1689-2020. Whilst this application was being assessed, the Permit Applicant applied for the development of a shed on the same lot of land on 19 November, 2020 (PA1694-2020). Both applications were assessed and a request for further information was sought from the Applicant seeking to address the concerns of Councils Engineer, By-Laws Officer, Environmental Health Officer and further particulars being required from Councils Planning Officers as to the use and development of both applications.

The Permit Applicant subsequently engaged a professional Town Planning firm to assist in the management of both applications and upon the advice of Council Officers a combined application was resubmitted on 14 April 2021, addressing both the Domestic Animal Husbandry and the Development of the Shed (PA1714-2021). Council Officers had ongoing concerns about the Domestic Animal Husbandry component of the application and requested further particulars from the Applicant. On 27 July, 2021, the Applicant advised (via her Town Planning Consultant) that the Domestic Animal Husbandry component of the applicant was to be withdrawn. An Amended Application was received on 5 August, 2021.

Given the extensive assessment of this application since 19 November, 2020, it was determined that all matters raised in previous request for information were addressed and the application could proceed to public notification.

Proposal Details:

The proposal seeks to obtain a planning permit to allow the development of a shed for storage of a horse float, trailer, plant and equipment to maintain the 27.64 ha site. The application for a Planning Permit is required under Clause 35.07-4 of the Hindmarsh Shire Planning Scheme whereby:

A permit is required to construct or carry out any of the following:

- *A building or works associated with a use in Section 2 of Clause 35.07-1.*

The proposed development (shed) is considered a Section 2 Use (that is, permit required), as it is associated in part with the animal keeping (horses) as well as for storage of horse float, trailers and other plant and equipment for maintaining the site. Should a

permit be issued, the preamble to the permit (that is what the permit allows) will only permit the shed being used for what is applied for, that is to say, the shed cannot be used for any other purpose unless the written consent is given by Council.

The proposed shed is 9 metres in length x 6 metres in width with an overall height of 3.229 metres and is to be steel constructed. The shed will be enclosed on three sides with Zinalume cladding. The shed is to be positioned approximately 16 metres from the eastern boundary and approximately 295m from the western boundary. The closest dwelling is 535m from the location of the proposed shed.



Figure 2: Site Plan prepared by North West Planning dated 20/08/2021.

It is considered that the use, scale, colour and placement of the shed are all considered acceptable.

Requirement for Permit:

- A planning permit is required under the following clause of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme:
- Clause 35.07-4 (Farming Zone) – a permit is required to construct or carry out buildings and works associated with a use in Section 2 of Clause 35.07-1.

The proposed shed is considered a Section 2 Use as it is associated in part with the keeping of horses as well as storage of horse float, trailers and other plant and equipment for maintaining the site.

Definitions:

Clause 73.03 of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme defines Store as:

Land used to store goods, machinery, or vehicles.

Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement:

The subject site is not burdened by a Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP):

The proposal is exempt from requiring a CHMP pursuant to the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018*, as the proposed development is not within part of the land that is affected by an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity Area.

Subject Site & Locality:

The 27.64 ha subject site is located on the northern side of Arnold Street and has the following interfaces:

South	to Arnold Street	360.24 metres
North	Property ID number 100400 Arnold Street	320.50 metres
West	21 Arnold Street and Allotment 53 Nhill-Netherby Road	827.51 metres
East	Allotment 44A Arnold Street	828 metres

Table 1: Lot interfaces to adjoining properties (source: Plan of Subdivision 604789J)

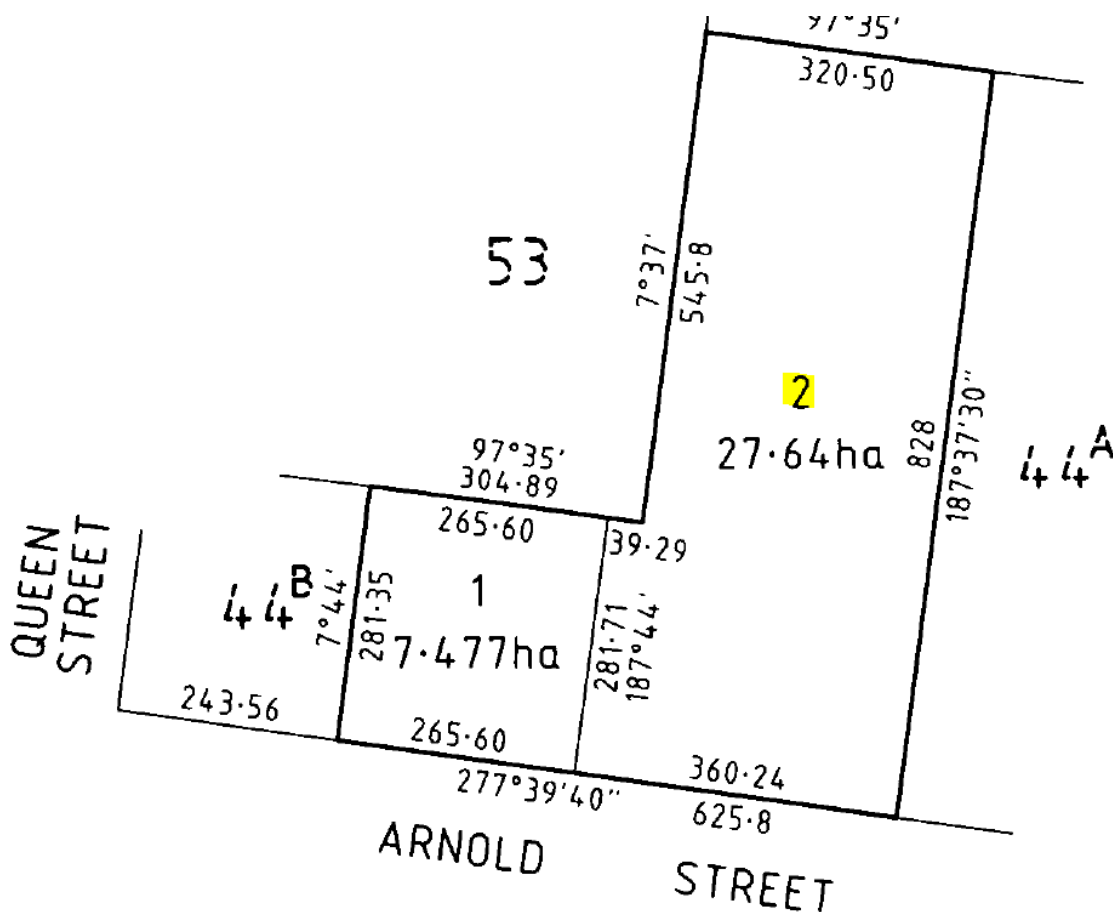


Figure 2: Plan of Subdivision of the Subject Site.

Land surrounding the subject land, comprises of a mixed variety of land use and developments, include farming, residences in a rural living environment, grain storage facility and the local landfill site. To the north, west and east, the land is zoned Farming and to the south (opposite Arnold Street) are smaller lots in the Rural Living Zone. The subject site is situated approximately 1.5km from the Nhill Township.

Advertising:

Section 52 Notice of application

Under Clause 52.06-4 of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme, the application was not exempt from public notification. Advertising commenced on 5 August, 2020 by:

- Sending notices to the owners and occupiers of the adjoining land.
- Placing one public notice on site fronting Arnold Street for a period of 14 days (erected 11 August 2021).
- The application being made available for public viewing on Council's website.

The notification has been carried out correctly by Council (letters and website) and the applicant (public notice).

A statutory declaration form has been received from the applicant.

Council has not received any objections to date.

Referrals:

Section 52 Referrals:

The application was not required to be referred to external Agencies or Statutory Authorities.

Internal Referrals:

The application was referred to Councils Engineering Officer who had no objection to the issuing of a permit subject to conditions.

Planning Assessment:

Planning Scheme Requirements:

Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

Clause 12.03-1S – River Corridors, Waterways, Lakes and Wetlands.

The objective of this policy is to protect and enhance river corridors, waterways, lakes and wetlands. The site is not within a river corridor or a wetland nor is it in an area of conservation value.

Clause 14.01-1S – Protection of Agricultural Land.

The objective of this policy is to protect the State's agriculture base by preserving productive farmland. The size of the lot at 27.64 ha and the strategic positioning of the

shed to the eastern boundary ensures that any future farming activity that occurs on the lot will not be interrupted. Furthermore, the shed is ancillary to the present use which is the keeping of horses and is to be used to store machinery to maintain the property and as such, it is not considered an incompatible use.

Clause 14.01-2S – Sustainable Agriculture Land Use.

The objective of this policy is to encourage sustainable agriculture land use. The proposed shed is modest in size, scale and appearance and does not endanger or erode the productive rural vale of the land.

Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)

Clause 02-03 “Strategic Directions” was introduced into the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme on 10 June 2021 via amendment C19hind. The policy considerations of this clause include;

- Clause 02.03-2 (Environmental and Landscape Values).
- Clause 02.03-3 (Environmental Risks and Amenity).
- Clause 02-03-5 (Built Environment and Heritage).

Planning Response:

When assessed against these provisions, the proposed shed does not result in a ‘policy clash’ causing the application to be refused.

Zoning and Overlay Provisions

As highlighted above the development of the shed is triggered under the Farming Zone provisions of Clause 35.07-4 (Farming Zone) – a permit is required to construct or carry out buildings and works associated with a use in Section 2 of Clause 35.07-1. No Overlays apply to the property.

The purpose of the Farming Zone is:

- *To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.*
- *To provide for the use of land for agriculture.*
- *To encourage the retention of productive agricultural land.*
- *To ensure that non-agricultural uses, including dwellings, do not adversely affect the use of land for agriculture.*
- *To encourage the retention of employment and population to support rural communities.*
- *To encourage use and development of land based on comprehensive and sustainable land management practices and infrastructure provision.*
- *To provide for the use and development of land for the specific purposes identified in a schedule to this zone.*

The proposed shed does not contravene the objectives of the Zone, given:

- The subject land is not used for high productive farming land.

- The subject land was previously used for grazing purposes. The land is currently used for grazing by the existing horses on the land, as well as goats and some sheep at times.
- The shed does not remove the remaining land to be continued as grazing land.
- The proposed development is not likely to have an effect or be affected by the surrounding land uses, as the land use in the area varies significantly between farming rural living and industrial.

In considering applications such as this, the Applicant needs to respond to and Council needs to consider, the Decision Guidelines of Clause 35.07-6, which of particular relevance to this application are:

General issues:

- *The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework. Any Regional Catchment Strategy and associated plan applying to the land.*
- *The capability of the land to accommodate the proposed use or development, including the disposal of effluent.*
- *How the use or development relates to sustainable land management.*
- *Whether the site is suitable for the use or development and whether the proposal is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.*
- *How the use and development makes use of existing infrastructure and services.*

Agricultural issues and the impacts from non-agricultural uses

- *Whether the use or development will support and enhance agricultural production.*
- *Whether the use or development will adversely affect soil quality or permanently remove land from agricultural production.*
- *The potential for the use or development to limit the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.*
- *The capacity of the site to sustain the agricultural use.*
- *The agricultural qualities of the land, such as soil quality, access to water and access to rural infrastructure.*
- *Any integrated land management plan prepared for the site.*

Environmental issues:

- *The impact of the proposal on the natural physical features and resources of the area, in particular on soil and water quality.*
- *The impact of the use or development on the flora and fauna on the site and its surrounds.*
- *The need to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area, including the retention of vegetation and faunal habitat and the need to revegetate land including riparian buffers along waterways, gullies, ridgelines, property boundaries and saline discharge and recharge area.*
- *The location of on-site effluent disposal areas to minimise the impact of nutrient loads on waterways and native vegetation.*

Design and siting issues:

- *The need to locate buildings in one area to avoid any adverse impacts on surrounding agricultural uses and to minimise the loss of productive agricultural land.*
- *The impact of the siting, design, height, bulk, colours and materials to be used, on the natural environment, major roads, vistas and water features and the measures to be undertaken to minimise any adverse impacts.*
- *The impact on the character and appearance of the area or features of architectural, historic or scientific significance or of natural scenic beauty or importance.*
- *The location and design of existing and proposed infrastructure including roads, gas, water, drainage, telecommunications and sewerage facilities. Whether the use and development will require traffic management measures.*

The proposed 54 sqm shed is modest in built form, appearance and structure that will not be foreign to the landscape, noting the presence of other large sheds nearby. The proposed colour Zinalume cladding is respectful to the surrounds and is site well away from nearby residential and as such will not have any impact onto the amenity of residents residing at these properties. No vegetation will be lost or impacted by this proposal and as highlighted throughout this report, there will be no loss to prime agricultural land. The design, siting and use of the shed at this location is considered acceptable.

General Provisions

Clause 65 - Decision Guidelines

Because a permit can be granted does not imply that a permit should or will be granted. The Responsible Authority must decide whether the proposal will produce acceptable outcomes in terms of the decision guidelines of this clause.

Clause 65.01– Approval of an application or plan

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the Responsible Authority must consider, as appropriate/relevant:

- The matters set out in Section 60 of the Act.
- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision.
- Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.
- The orderly planning of the area.
- The effect on the amenity of the area.
- The proximity of the land to any public land.

Response:

It is considered that the application complies with the relevant decision guidelines as outlined. The proposal is supportive of, and complies with the Planning Policy Framework having regard to the benefit the proposal will cause to the landowner.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the Planning Policy Framework and Municipal Strategic Statements contained in the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme.

Report to Council:

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

Processing Times:

- 05/08/2021 – Amended Application lodged (Fee transferred from original application)
- 05/08/2021 – Public Notice instructions sent to applicant
- 05/08/2021 – Public notification commenced – letters sent to adjoining and nearby residents
- 11/08/2021 – Public notice (sign) erected on site by the applicant
- 12/08/2021 – Referral response received from Engineering with conditions
- 25/08/2021 – Notification period ceased
- 26/08/2021 – Statutory Declaration for the advertising received from the applicant
- 08/09/2021 – Presented to Council for approval

The report is being presented to Council for approval at the meeting held 08 September 2021 (13 statutory days).

The statutory processing time requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been satisfied in this instance.

Link to Council Plan:

- Strategic Objective 1.3 A community that is physically active with access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and recreation facilities.
- Strategic Objective 3.1 A strong rural economy and thriving towns.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications anticipated for Council.

Risk Management Implications:

There may be an expectation that granting of the permit may indicate approval for the secondary access portion of Arnold Street through to the property, to be upgraded to residential access.

This risk has been addressed through a note on the permit that any future request to upgrade the road will require Council permission and associated costs would be at the applicant's expense.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Angela Hoy, Director Infrastructure Services

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

Author: Stephen Michael O'Brien, Consultant Town Planner, on behalf of Janette Fritsch, Manager Development.

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

Communications Strategy:

Advise the applicant of Councils decision.

Next Steps:

Issue the planning permit and endorse the plans if approved.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Planning Permit PA1714-2021 be approved for the development of a shed for the storage of a horse float, trailer, plant and equipment to maintain the site at 21A Arnold Street Nhill, 3418, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The proposed use as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered or modified without the consent in writing of the Responsible Authority.***
- 2. The location of the shed must be undertaken with the plan submitted by North West Planning dated 20 August, 2021 and cannot be altered without the consent of the Responsible Authority. A copy of this plan forms part of this permit.***
- 3. The permitted shed must be undertaken with the plans prepared by D&G Steel Sheds referenced 7/11/2020 version 2.6.28.0. A copy of these plans forms part of this permit.***

Engineering Conditions:

Access:

- 4. Prior to the development occurring, the current access to the property at the western side of the lot must be upgraded to current standard, with a new 375mm drainage pipe and in accordance with the IDM SD-255 Standards, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.***
- 5. Prior to the development occurring, the vehicle crossing(s) must be constructed at the applicant's expense to provide for safe ingress and egress to the site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.***

Stormwater:

6. ***Stormwater from the shed is required to be directed to a rainwater tank with overflow directed downhill and away from the structure.***

Time Limit

7. ***This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:***
- a) ***The use is not started within two years of the date of this permit.***
 - b) ***The use is not completed within four years of the date of this permit.***

In accordance with Section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within six months of the permit expiry date, where the development allowed by the permit has not yet started, or within 12 months of the permit expiry date, where the development has lawfully started before the permit expires.

*****End of Conditions*****

Notes

- Any request for a variation of this Permit shall be lodged with the relevant fee as determined under *the Planning & Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016*.
- A Consent to Works within Road Reserve Permit is required prior to the construction of the crossover. Application forms are available on Council's website or by contacting the Engineering department.
- Granting of this permit does not approve upgrade of Arnold Street from secondary access to residential access. Any such request would require Council approval and associated costs would be the responsibility of the applicant.
- Legal Point of Discharge will be advised in association with the building permit application.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/W Bywaters

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CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 11 - 13

9.2 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION PA1725-2021 – FOUR (4) LOT SUBDIVISION AT 12 PARK STREET DIMBOOLA VIC 3414

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
File: Planning – Applications
Assessment: 200579
Application No: **PA1725-2021**
Applicant: Mr Ian Lehmann C/- Angela Plazzer Ferguson Perry Surveying Pty Ltd
Owner: Maureen Lehmann
Subject land: 12 Park Street, Dimboola, VIC 3414 (Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 713225A)
Proposal: Four lot (4) subdivision
Zoning and Overlays General Residential Zone Schedule 1 (GRZ1)
Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 6 (ESO6)

- Clause 32.08-3 - Subdivision
- Clause 42.01-2 - Subdivision

Attachment Numbers: 14 - 15

Summary

This report recommends that Council approve Planning Permit PA1725-2021 for a four (4) lot subdivision at 12 Park Street, Dimboola VIC 3414 (Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 713225A), subject to standard conditions.

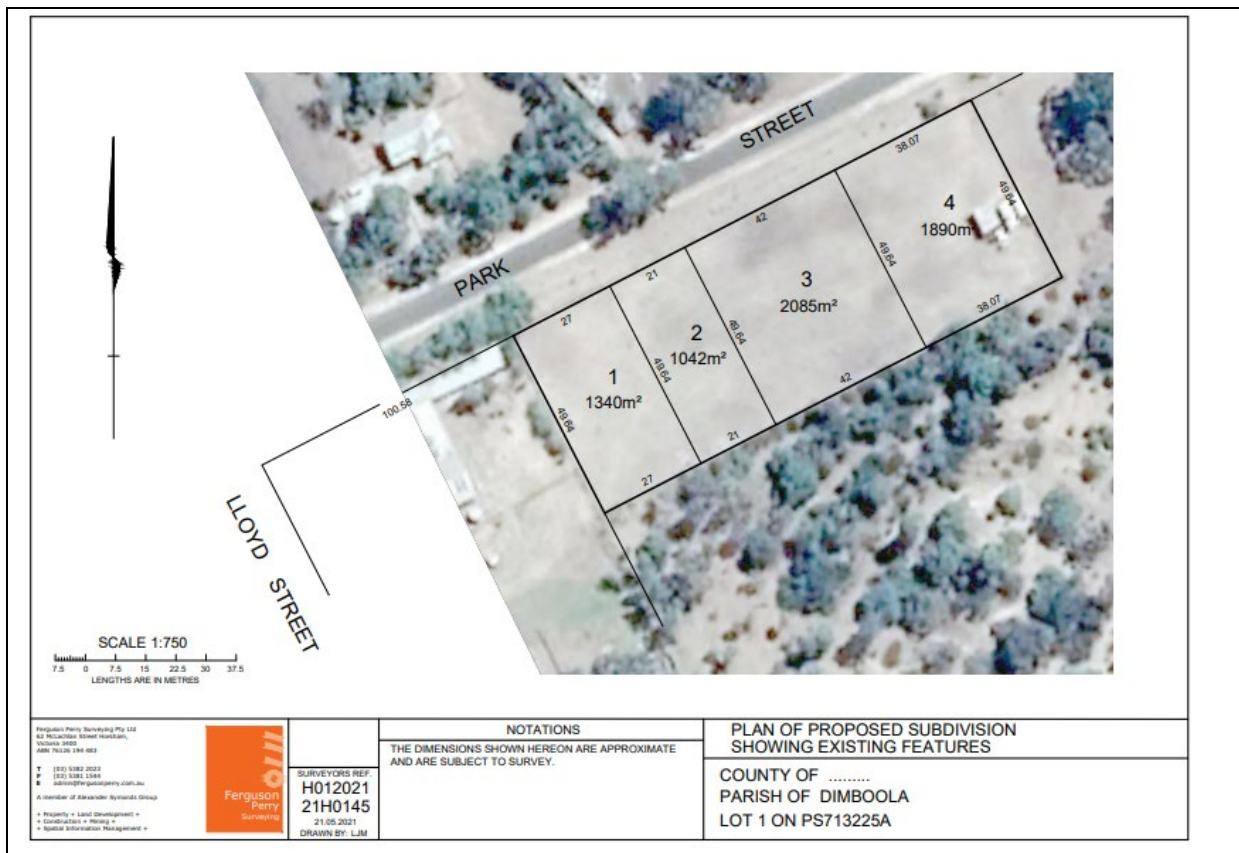
Background

Planning Application PA1725-2021 was lodged with Council on 7 June 2021 for a five (5) lot subdivision. The plan of subdivision for the application was amended on 5 July 2021 to propose a four (4) lot subdivision instead of a five (5) lot subdivision.

Proposal

The application proposes the subdivision of the existing 6357m² site into a total of four (4) lots, as follows:

- Lot 1 – 1340m²
- Lot 2 – 1042m²
- Lot 3 – 2085m²
- Lot 4 – 1890m²



Requirement for Permit:

The subject land is located within the General Residential Zone Schedule 1, the Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 6 and a small part of the land is within the Floodway Overlay and the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay.

A planning permit is required to subdivide land under Clause 32.08-3 Subdivision of the General Residential Zone.

A planning permit is also required to subdivide land under Clause 42.01-2 of the Environmental Significance Overlay, Clause 44.03-3 of the Floodway Overlay and the Clause 44.04-3 of the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay.

Subject Site and Locality

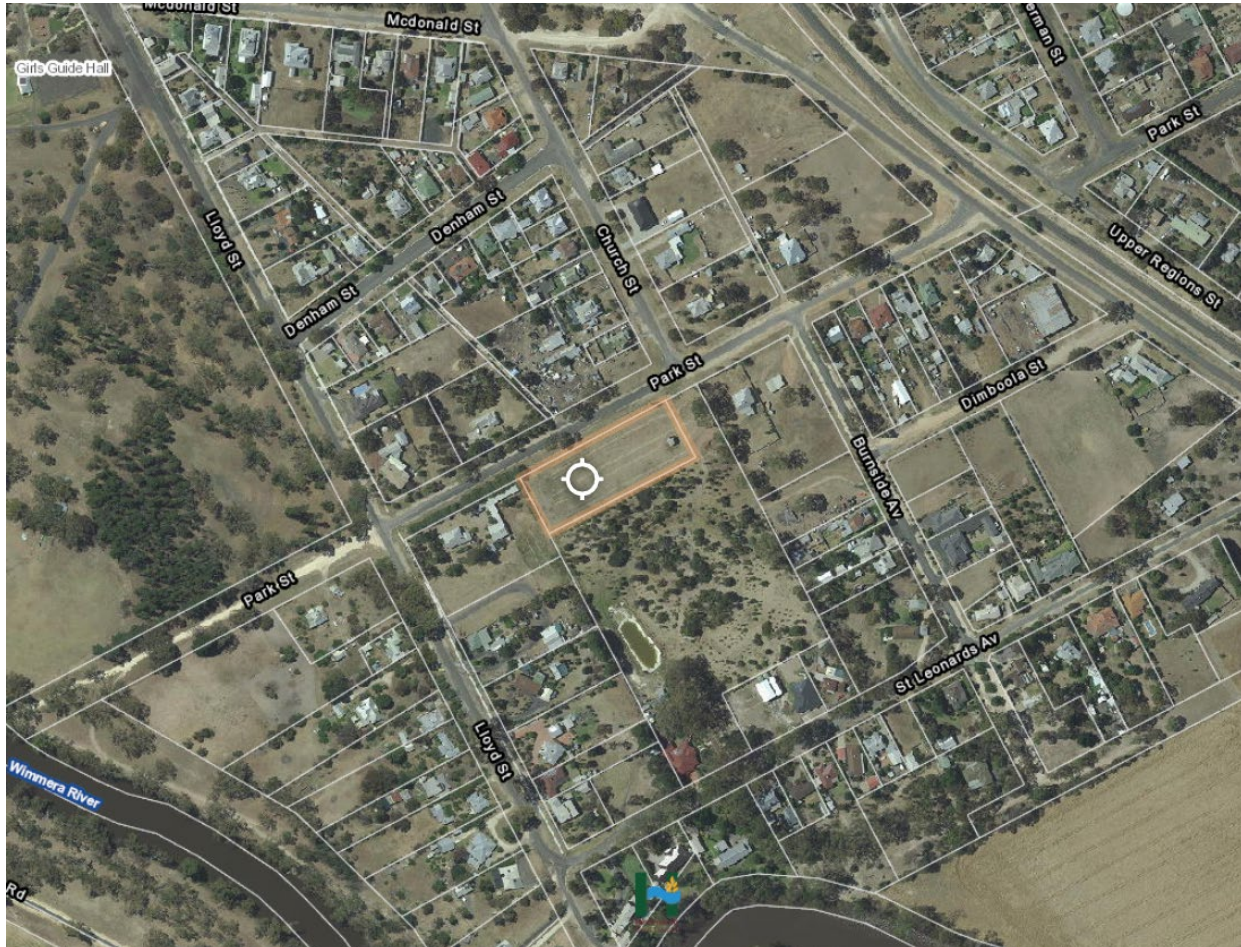
The subject site is located on the south-western side of Park Street, Dimboola. The site has a total area of approximately 6357m². The site is predominantly vacant land and contains a small shed at the eastern end.

The site is within an established residential area within Dimboola. The commercial centre of Dimboola is located approximately 700 metres to the north-west of the site.

The adjacent property to the south and east at 7-11 St Leonards Avenue is developed with a single storey dwelling fronting to St Leonards Avenue, a dam and scattered native trees and shrubs. To the south-west at 20 Lloyd Street is single storey dwelling and outbuildings and planted vegetation and some native trees. To the north-east at 18-22

Park Street is a single storey dwelling, outbuildings and native trees. There are a variety of detached dwellings located on the north-western side of Park Street on similar sized lots to the proposed lots.

Aerial Map of the site and surrounding area below (POZI):



Site History/Planning Permit History

Planning Permit 1162A/2008 was approved for a two lot subdivision, which created the subject lot, Lot 1 with an area of 6357m² fronting Park Street and a balance lot, Lot 2 with an area of 2.853 ha fronting St Leonards Avenue to the south. New titles for this previous subdivision were issued on 18 March 2015. There is a restriction on the title of Lot 2 in favour of Lot 1 that restricts future development in the south-western part of Lot 2 to a maximum height of 1.8m. The restriction is not included on Lot 1.

Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement

The subject site is not burdened by a Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP)

The proposal is exempt from requiring a CHMP as the proposal is not within land affected by Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity pursuant to the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018*.

Advertising

Section 52 Notice of Application

The application has been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, by:

- Sending notices to the owners and occupiers of the adjoining land.
- Placing one public notice on site fronting Park Street for a period of 14 days.
- The application being made available for public viewing on Council's website.

The applicant has submitted a statutory declaration to confirm the public notice was erected on the site for the required time as directed by Council. The notification has been carried out correctly the applicant.

One phone enquiry was received in relation to the proposed subdivision.

Council has not received any objections to date.

Referrals:

External Referrals

Section 55

Powercor Australia

The application was referred to Powercor Australia who advised:

- No objection subject to conditions. The Powercor Australia conditions are detailed in the report.

GWM Water

The application was referred to GWM Water who advised:

- No objection subject to conditions. The GWM Water conditions are detailed in the report.

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority (Wimmera CMA)

The application was referred to WCMA who advised:

- No objection subject to a condition for no fill to be placed on the land. Note provided about potential flooding larger in height and extent than a 1% AEP flood may occur in the future.

Internal Referrals

The application was referred internally to the following Departments:

- Engineering – Comments and conditions required.

Proposed new accesses:

- Four (4) new Single crossovers shall be constructed as per IDM- 255 standard and at a location and of a size to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- The vehicle crossing(s) must be constructed at the applicant's expense to provide ingress and egress to the site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- Condition of permit – a consent to works within road reserve permission is required prior to construction of each crossover.

Planning Scheme:

Planning Scheme Requirements:

Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)

- Clause 02.02 Vision
- Clause 02.03 Strategic Directions
- Clause 02.03-1 Settlement and housing
- Clause 02.03-2 Environmental and landscape values
- Clause 02.03-3 Environmental risks and amenity
- Clause 02.03-5 Building Environment and heritage
- Clause 02.04 Strategic Framework Plans
- Nhill Framework Plan

Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

Clause 11.01-1S Settlement

Clause 11.01-1R Settlement - Wimmera Southern Mallee

Clause 11.01-1L Settlement - Hindmarsh

Clause 11.02-1S Supply of urban land objective is:

To ensure a sufficient supply of land is available for residential, commercial, retail, industrial, recreational, institutional and other community uses.

Clause 15.01 Built Environment

Clause 15.01-3S Subdivision design objective is:

To ensure the design of subdivisions achieves attractive, safe, accessible, diverse and sustainable neighbourhoods.

Clause 15.01-4S Healthy neighbourhoods

Clause 15.01-5S Neighbourhood character

Clause 16.01 Residential Development

Clause 16.01-1S Housing Supply objective is:

To facilitate well-located, integrated and diverse housing that meets community needs.

Clause 19.03-2S Infrastructure design and provision objective is

To provide timely, efficient and cost-effective development infrastructure that meets the needs of the community.

Clause 19.03-3S integrated water management objective is:

To sustainably manage water supply, water resources, wastewater, drainage and stormwater through an integrated water management approach.

Planning Response:

The subject land is in proximity to existing services and facilities in Dimboola and the subdivision will comply with the relevant planning policies in the MPS and PPF relating to Settlement, Built Environment, Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development. The proposal will provide three additional lots to allow further infill development within the town, which is encouraged in Clauses 02.03-1 Settlement and housing.

Clause 32.08 – General Residential Zone

Clause 32.08-3 Subdivision

Permit requirement

A permit is required to subdivide land.

An application to subdivide land, other than an application to subdivide land into lots each containing an existing dwelling or car parking space, must meet the requirements of Clause 56 and:

- Must meet all of the objectives included in the clauses specified in the following table.
- Should meet all of the standards included in the clauses specified in the following table.

Class of subdivision	Objectives and standards to be met
3 – 15 lots	All except Clauses 56.02-1, 56.03-1 to 56.03-4, 56.04-5, 56.05-2, 56.06-1, 56.06-3 and 56.06-6

Schedule 1 to the General Residential Zone

There are no relevant requirements for subdivision in the Schedule.

Planning Response:

The application is consistent with the Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework as discussed above. The subdivision will respect the neighbourhood character of the area. The subdivision will encourage a diversity of housing types and housing growth particularly in this location with good access to services and transport in Dimboola. The proposal will therefore comply with the objectives of the zone.

Standard conditions are required to ensure the four lots are connected to the required services before new titles can be issued.

Clause 42.01 Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO)

42.01-2 Permit requirement (relevant to application)

A permit is required to:

- Subdivide land. This does not apply if a schedule to this overlay specifically states that a permit is not required.

42.01-5 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework.
- The statement of environmental significance and the environmental objective contained in a schedule to this overlay.
- The need to remove, destroy or lop vegetation to create a defensible space to reduce the risk of bushfire to life and property.
- Any other matters specified in a schedule to this overlay.

Schedule 6 to the ESO – Catchments of Wetlands Conservation Value (ESO6)

3.0 Permit requirement

There are no relevant permit requirements for subdivision in the Schedule.

Planning Response:

The application is consistent with the Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework as discussed above. The application complies with the decision guidelines of the ESO.

The Wimmera CMA has advised they have no objections to the proposal subject to a condition requiring no fill to be placed on the land.

Clause 44.03 Floodway Overlay (FO)

44.03-3 Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide the land. A permit may only be granted to subdivide land if the following applies:

- The subdivision does not create any new lots, which are entirely within this overlay. This does not apply if the subdivision creates a lot, which by agreement between the owner and the relevant floodplain management authority, is to be transferred to an authority for a public purpose.

44.03-7 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The local floodplain development plan or flood risk report.
- Any comments of the relevant floodplain management authority.

- The Victorian River Health Strategy (2002) and any relevant regional river health strategy and associated wetland plan.
- Any other matters specified in a schedule to this overlay

Schedule to the FO

There are no permit requirements for subdivision in the Schedule.

Clause 44.04 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay

44.04-3 Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide the land.

44.04-8 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- Any local floodplain development plan.
- Any comments from the relevant floodplain management authority.
- The existing use and development of the land.
- Whether the proposed use or development could be located on flood-free land or land with a lesser flood hazard outside this overlay.
- The susceptibility of the development to flooding and flood damage.
- The potential flood risk to life, health and safety associated with the development.

Flood risk factors to consider include:

- The frequency, duration, extent, depth and velocity of flooding of the site and accessway.
- The flood warning time available.
- The danger to the occupants of the development, other floodplain residents and emergency personnel if the site or accessway is flooded.
- The effect of the development on redirecting or obstructing floodwater, stormwater or drainage water and the effect of the development on reducing flood storage and increasing flood levels and flow velocities.
- The effect of the development on river health values including wetlands, natural habitat, stream stability, erosion, environmental flows, water quality and sites of scientific significance.
- Any other matters specified in a schedule to this overlay.

Schedule to the LSIO

There are no permit requirements for subdivision in the Schedule.

Planning Response:

The proposal complies with the relevant decision guidelines of the FO and LSIO for the following reasons:

- The subdivision complies with the MPS and PPF as discussed above.
- The proposal is consistent with the local floodplain development plan of the WCMA.
- The subdivision will require a condition recommended by the WCMA to ensure no fill is placed on the land without the written prior consent of the Wimmera CMA.
- There is only a small part of flood risk land in the south-west corner of proposed Lot 1. The subdivision will ensure that any future development will be protected from flooding, which will ensure the risk to life, health and safety is minimal.
- The proposal is unlikely to have any adverse effect on redirecting or obstructing floodwater, stormwater or drainage water and the effect of the development on reducing flood storage and increasing flood levels and flow velocities
- The proposal is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the river health values.

Particular Provisions

Clause 53.01 Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision

A person who proposes to subdivide land must make a contribution to the council for public open space in an amount specified in the schedule to this clause (being a percentage of the land intended to be used for residential, industrial or commercial purposes, or a percentage of the site value of such land, or a combination of both). If no amount is specified, a contribution for public open space may still be required under section 18 of the *Subdivision Act 1988*.

53.01-1 Exemption from public open space requirement specified in the scheme

A subdivision is exempt from a public open space requirement specified in this scheme if:

- *It is one of the following classes of subdivision:*
 - *Class 1: The subdivision of a building used for residential purposes provided each lot contains part of the building. The building must have been constructed or used for residential purposes immediately before 30 October 1989 or a planning permit must have been issued for the building to be constructed or used for residential purposes immediately before that date.*
 - *Class 2: The subdivision of a commercial or industrial building provided each lot contains part of the building. It is for the purpose of excising land to be transferred to a public authority, council or a Minister for a utility installation. It subdivides land into two lots and the council considers it unlikely that each lot will be further subdivided.*

Planning Response:

The proposed four lot subdivision does not meet either of the exemptions under Clause 53.01-1. Therefore, a 5% public open space contribution to the value of the land is required in accordance with this Clause.

Clause 56 – Residential Subdivision

The application has been assessed against the requirements of Clause 56 and complies with the relevant objectives and standards of the Clause including the following:

- The subdivision will respect the existing neighbourhood character (Standard C6) and is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The subdivision achieves a good lot diversity for the overall area in compliance with Standard C7 (Lot diversity and distribution).
- All lots are oriented towards the street to comply with Standard C10 (Street orientation).
- The new crossovers for access to the four lots from Park Street will need to be constructed to IDM-255 standard to comply with Standard C21. The new crossovers must be constructed before the issue of a Statement of Compliance. The construction of the crossovers to Council's design standards will be addressed as a condition.
- The site has access to existing infrastructure in the area including reticulated water, sewer and electricity connections to comply with Standards C22, C24 and C25. Comments have been received from all referral authorities including Council's Engineers who requires conditions for new crossovers to be constructed for access to the lots. Conditions are required for the provision of suitable infrastructure for the lots.
- Conditions in relation to site management will be required to ensure that the site and surrounding area is protected from degradation and nuisance before and during the construction of the subdivision works to comply with Standard C26.

General Provisions

Clause 65 - Decision Guidelines

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Clause 65.01 Approval of an application or plan

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the Responsible Authority must consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

Clause 65.02 Approval of an application to subdivide land

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the Responsible Authority must consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

Planning Response:

The application complies with the relevant decision guidelines as outlined above. The proposal is supportive of and complies with the Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework, having regard to the benefit the proposal will have for the infill development of the site for residential purposes and the related subdivision of the lots.

The area and dimension of the four lots to be created are in keeping with the prevailing lot sizes in the area. The subdivision will be connected to the required services, which will be included as conditions.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework, the General Residential Zone and the Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 6, Clause 56 and Clause 65 of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme.

Report to Council:

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

Processing Times:

- 07/06/2021 – Application lodged
- 24/06/2021 – Further information requested
- 30/06/2021 – Fee received
- 01/07/2021 – Written response to further information and amended application form received in SPEAR pursuant to Section 50 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- 05/07/2021 – Amended plans received in SPEAR pursuant to Section 50 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- 13/07/2021 – External referrals and internal referral sent via SPEAR
- 28/07/2021 – Responses all received to external and internal referrals
- 30/07/2021 – Public notice – sign erected by the applicant on site
- 17/08/2021 – Statutory declaration for the advertising received from the applicant.
- 08/09/2021 – Presented to Council for approval

The report is being presented to Council for approval at the meeting held 08 September 2021 (32 statutory days).

The statutory processing time requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been satisfied in this instance.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 3.1.6 Encourage investment in housing stock to address housing shortages.

Financial Implications:

The subdivision will have positive financial implications through a potential increase in Rates income to Council.

Risk Management Implications:

There are no risks to be managed by Council, except if the planning permit is not approved, Council could be seen to be holding up development within the municipality.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Angela Hoy, Director Infrastructure Services

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

Author – Bernadine Pringle, Consultant Town Planner

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

Communications Strategy:

Advise the applicant of the Council's decision

Next Steps:

Issue planning permit and endorse the plans if approved by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Planning Permit PA1725-2021 be approved, to allow a four (4) lot subdivision at 12 Park Street, Dimboola, VIC, 3414 (Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 713225A), subject to the following conditions:

Endorsed Plans

- 1. The layout and site dimensions of the subdivision hereby permitted, as shown on the endorsed plan/s, must not be altered or modified without the written consent of the Responsible Authority. There are no requirements to alter or modify the endorsed plan if a plan is certified under the provisions of the Subdivision Act 1988 that is generally in accordance with the endorsed plan/s.***

Engineering Conditions

Access/Vehicle Crossovers

2. ***Before the issue of a Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988, new crossovers must be constructed to each lot from Park Street to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.***
3. ***The crossovers must be constructed as per IDM-255 standard and at a location and of a size to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.***
4. ***The vehicle crossovers must be constructed at the permit holder's expense to provide ingress and egress to the site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.***

Public Open Space Contribution for Subdivision

5. ***Before the issue of a Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988, the permit holder must pay a Public Open Space Contribution to the Responsible Authority of 5% of the site value. Such payment will satisfy in full any Public Open Space requirement under the Planning Scheme.***

Mandatory Telecommunications Conditions

6. ***The owner of the land must enter into an agreement with:***
 - a) ***a telecommunications network or service provider for the provision of telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the provider's requirements and relevant legislation at the time; and***
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7. ***Before the issue of a Statement of Compliance for any stage of the subdivision under the Subdivision Act 1988, the owner of the land must provide written confirmation from:***
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Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Conditions

- 8. The owner / applicant must install sewerage mains and associated works to individually serve each lot of the proposed development, at the owner's cost, in accordance with GMMWater's specifications and requirements.**
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Powercor Australia Conditions

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Wimmera Catchment Management Authority Condition

21. No fill is to be introduced to the property without the written prior consent of the Wimmera CMA.

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Wimmera CMA

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MOVED: CRS D Nelson/W Bywaters

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Attachment Numbers: 14 - 15

9.3 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION PA1742-2021 – DEVELOPMENT OF A DWELLING – 112 ELLERMAN STREET DIMBOOLA VIC 3414

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
File: Planning – Applications
Assessment: 22180
Application Number: **PA1742-2021**
Application Received: 20 August 2021 (Fee paid 24 August 2021)
Applicant: Swanbuild Pty Ltd
Owner: Mr Bruce and Mrs Vicki Westendorf
Subject Land: 112 Ellerman Street Dimboola VIC 3414 (Lot 1 PS631108K Parish of Dimboola)
Proposal: Development of a Dwelling
Zoning & Overlays: General Residential Zone – Schedule 1 (GRZ1)
Environmental Significance Overlay – Schedule 6 (ESO6)
Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO)
Attachment Number: 16

Summary:

This report recommends that Council approve Planning Permit PA1742-2021 for the development of a dwelling on the subject land known as 112 Ellerman Street, Dimboola VIC 3414 (Lot 1 PS631108K Parish of Dimboola).

Background:

On 20 August 2021, Swanbuild Pty Ltd on behalf of Mr Bruce and Mrs Vicki Westendorf lodged a planning application to the Responsible Authority for the development of a dwelling on the subject land at 112 Ellerman Street, Dimboola.

Proposal Details:

The permit applicant, Swanbuild Pty Ltd seeks approval for the development of a dwelling. The subject land is currently vacant residential land, with approval under Planning Permit VS1734-2021 for the development of fencing. The proposed dwelling would be sited at the front of the lot and comprise a total floor area of approximately 205.9m² (including decking).

The proposed dwelling is characterised by reference to the following features:

- Floor plan:
 - 1 x Bedroom with walk in robe (WIR) and ensuite;
 - 2 x Bedrooms with built in robe (BIR);
 - Open plan family, meals and kitchen area;
 - Combined bathroom/shower with separate adjoining WC; and
 - Separate laundry.
- External form:
 - A building height of 5.974 metres from natural ground level;
 - Weatherboard cladding; and
 - Colorbond gable roofing.

Requirement for Permit:

A Planning Permit is required under the following clauses of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme:

- Clause 44.06-2 (Bushfire Management Overlay) – A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works associated with an accommodation use.

Definitions:

Dwelling – A building used as a self-contained residence which must include:

- a) *a kitchen sink;*
- b) *food preparation facilities;*
- c) *a bath or shower; and*
- d) *a toilet and wash basin.*

It includes outbuildings and works normal to a dwelling.

Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement:

The subject site is subject to Section 173 Agreement AJ014917R (PA1228-2009), which provided requirements for the subdivision of the larger parcel that created the subject land. The proposal is not contrary to the provisions of this agreement.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP):

The proposal is exempt from requiring a CHMP pursuant to the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018*, as the proposal is not within land affected identified as an area of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity and is an exempt activity under Regulation 9 of the Regulations.

Subject site & locality:

The subject site is known as 112 Ellerman Street Dimboola (Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 631108K, Parish of Dimboola), which comprises a single title of approximately 1,623 square metres. The land is generally flat, with minimal fall across the site. The land is currently vacant, having been created as part of a 3 lot subdivision of the larger parcel to the rear of the subject lot.

The subject site adjoins residential zoned land to the east, south and west, with a partial abuttal to land in the Farming Zone to the north. Land within the General Residential Zone generally comprises lots of between 1,000-2,000m² allotments, with some larger land holdings evident. Immediately adjoining the subject land are single dwellings on residential lots used for such purposes.

The site appears to have access to reticulated power, telecommunications, water and sewer.

Aerial Map below – Hindmarsh POZI (2016)



Aerial Map with Zoning and Overlays below – Hindmarsh POZI (2016)



Section 52 Notice of Application

The application has not been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, as it is exempt from the notice requirements of Section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of Section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of Section 82(1) of the Act under Clause 44.06-7 of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme.

Referrals:

Referrals/Notice	Advice/Response/Conditions
Section 55 Referrals	
Country Fire Authority	Conditional consent. Response dated 25 August 2021

Planning Assessment:

Planning Scheme Requirements:

Planning Policy Framework:

Clause 13.02-1S Bushfire planning

Zoning Provisions:

The proposed development works do not trigger a Planning Permit under the zone controls as a dwelling is a Section 1 use and the Lot has an area greater than 300 square metres.

Overlay Provisions:

Clause 44.06 – Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO)
44.06-2 Buildings and works

A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works associated with the use of land for accommodation.

Particular Provisions:

Clause 53.02 – Bushfire Planning

53.02-1 Application

This clause applies to an application under Clause 44.06 - Bushfire Management Overlay, unless the application meets all of the requirements specified in a schedule to Clause 44.06.

Clause 53.02-3 applies to an application to construct a single dwelling or construct or carry out works associated with a single dwelling if all of the following requirements are met:

- The land is zoned Neighbourhood Residential Zone, General Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone, Urban Growth Zone, Low Density Residential Zone, Township Zone or Rural Living Zone.
- There is only one dwelling on the lot.
- The application meets all of the approved measures contained in Clause 53.02-3.

Clause 53.02-4 applies to all other applications

Planning Response:

The development triggers a permit under the BMO and the requirements of Clause 53.02 Bushfire Planning apply. The application has been referred to the CFA, who have provided conditional consent to the grant of a permit.

The permit applicant has provided the Bushfire Hazard Landscape Assessment (BHLA), Bushfire Hazard Site Assessment (BHSA) and Bushfire Management Statement (BMS) as required by Clause 44.06. The bushfire assessment has characterised surrounding vegetation as 'grassland' with subsequent impacts on the defendable space and Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) construction standards required. This assessment is supported and reflective of vegetation characteristics based on the criteria of AS3959-2009.

The BMO Technical Guide identifies four landscape types in which to assess landscape risk (with 1 being the lowest and 4 being the highest risk). It is considered that the proposal falls within a Type 2 landscape under the Guide.

Type 2 landscapes are defined as:

- *The type and extent of vegetation located more than 150 metres from the site may result in neighbourhood-scale destruction as it interacts with the bushfire hazard on and close to a site.*
- *Bushfire can only approach from one aspect and the site is located in a suburban, township or urban area managed in a minimum fuel condition.*

- *Access is readily available to a place that provides shelter from bushfire. This will often be the surrounding developed area.*

As the subject land is located within the General Residential Zone, the requirements of Clause 53.02-3 (Pathway 1) apply. This requires the Responsible Authority to consider the following measures:

Clause 53.02-3 – Dwellings in existing settlements – Bushfire protection objective

To specify bushfire design and construction measures for a single dwelling or alteration and extension to an existing dwelling that reduces the risk to life and property to an acceptable level

This clause provides a series of approved measures which typically indicate that the objective has been met for the proposal; including:

Measure	Requirement
AM 1.1	<p>A building is sited to ensure the site best achieves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The maximum separation distance between the building and the bushfire hazard. ▪ The building is in close proximity to a public road. ▪ Access can be provided to the building for emergency service vehicles.
AM 1.2	<p>A building provides the defensible space in accordance with Table 1 Columns A, B, C, D or E and Table 6 to Clause 53.02-5. Adjoining land may be included as defensible space where there is a reasonable assurance that the land will remain or continue to be managed in that condition as part of the defensible space.</p> <p>A building is constructed to the bushfire attack level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That corresponds to the defensible space provided in accordance with Table 1 to Clause 53.02-5, or ▪ The next lower bushfire attack level that corresponds to the defensible space provided in accordance with Table 1 to Clause 53.02-5 where all of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A private bushfire shelter (a Class 10c building within the meaning of the Building Regulations 2006) is constructed on the same land as the dwelling. - A minimum bushfire attack level of BAL12.5 is provided in all circumstances.
AM 1.3	<p>A building is provided with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A static water supply for fire fighting and property protection purposes specified in Table 4 to Clause 53.02-5. The water supply may be in the same tank as other water supplies provided that a separate outlet is reserved for fire fighting water supplies. ▪ Vehicle access that is designed and constructed as specified in Table 5 to Clause 53.02-5.

The proposed dwelling is sited to ensure the proposal best achieves the maximum separation distance between the building and the bushfire hazard, commensurate with the objectives of the Clause. The dwelling is sited in close proximity to Ellerman Street; with access available for emergency service vehicles. Bushfire risk to the site is mitigated to an acceptable level by the provision of suitable defensible space on site. The works are suitably designed to minimise bushfire risk, by minimising the areas where fuel can build up which will reduce the impact of any fire event on the building. The requisite water supply and BAL ratings have been incorporated into the Bushfire Management Plan for approval.

While landscape risk cannot be eliminated, the subject site is well removed from the greatest landscape hazards (being the woodland/mallee to the east and south), with grassland being the prevailing vegetation type in close proximity to the subject land. In the event of a bushfire emergency, fire intensity to the subject land will be lessened as a result of this characteristic.

Based on the above, approved measures 1.1-1.3 are considered to be met and the underlying objectives have been achieved.

Clause 53.02-3.1 – Decision Guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The bushfire hazard site assessment and the bushfire management statement submitted with the application.
- Whether all of the approved measures have been incorporated into the application.

While it is trite to observe that the subject site is not immune from bushfire risk, the proposed mitigation measures captured through this development provide an appropriate level of defence and land management measures to ensure that the risk is reduced to an acceptable level. The measures proposed can be readily and practically implemented on the site and the risk to the site overall is low in context of BMO planning applications. All approved measures have been incorporated into the application which have been supported by the CFA.

General Provisions

Clause 65 - Decision Guidelines

Because a permit can be granted does not imply that a permit should or will be granted. The Responsible Authority must decide whether the proposal will produce acceptable outcomes in terms of the decision guidelines of this clause.

Clause 65.01– Approval of an application or plan

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the Responsible Authority must consider, as appropriate (relevant to the application):

- The matters set out in Section 60 of the Act.
- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision.
- Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.
- The orderly planning of the area.
- The effect on the amenity of the area.
- The proximity of the land to any public land.
- Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.
- The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.
- The adequacy of loading and unloading facilities and any associated amenity, traffic flow and road safety impacts.

Planning Response:

As previously discussed, it is considered that the proposal is supported by the relevant provisions of the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework. The matters to be considered by the BMO and Clause 53.02 are appropriately met, with the development considered to appropriately ensure the protection of human life. The application is therefore considered to be reflective of orderly planning.

Discussion:

Planning Policy Framework (PPF) and Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)

The proposal meets the objectives of the relevant provisions of the PPF and MPS for the reasons discussed earlier in this report.

Clause 44.06 Bushfire Management Overlay

The proposal complies with the purpose and decision guidelines of Clause 44.06 for the reasons outlined in the planning response to the overlay as discussed above.

Clause 53.02 Bushfire Planning

The proposal complies with the purpose and decision guidelines of Clause 53.02 for the reasons outlined in the planning response to this clause as discussed above.

Clause 65 Decision Guidelines

The proposal complies with the relevant decision guidelines of Clause 65 as discussed above.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the Planning Policy Framework and the Municipal Planning Strategy, including the Bushfire Management Overlay and Clause 53.02 Bushfire Planning in the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme.

Report to Council:

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

Processing Times:

20/08/2021 – Application lodged

23/08/2021 – External referral to the CFA

24/08/2021 – Fee received

25/08/2021 – Response received from CFA providing conditional consent

08/09/2021 – The report is being presented to Council at the meeting held 08 September 2021 (15 days).

The statutory processing time requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been satisfied in this instance.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 3.1.6 Encourage investment in housing stock to address housing shortages.

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The development will have positive financial implications through an increase in Rates income to Council.

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There are no risks to be managed by Council, except if the planning permit is not approved, Council could be seen to be holding up development within the municipality.

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Officer Responsible: Angela Hoy, Director Infrastructure Services

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

Author: Tim Berger, Consultant Town Planner, on behalf of Janette Fritsch, Manager Development.

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

Communications Strategy:

Advise the Applicant of Council's decision.

Next Steps:

Issue the Planning Permit and endorse the plans if approved by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves planning application PA1742-2021 for the development of a dwelling on the subject land known as 112 Ellerman Street Dimboola VIC 3414 (Lot 1 PS631108K Parish of Dimboola), subject to the following conditions:

Endorsed Plans

- 1. The works 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 written consent of the Responsible Authority.***

Mandatory Bushfire Condition

- 2. The bushfire protection measures forming part of this permit or shown on the endorsed plans, including those relating to construction standards, defendable space, water supply and access, must be maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority on a continuing basis. This condition continues to have force and effect after the development authorised by this permit has been completed***

Country Fire Authority Condition

- 3. The Bushfire Management Plan sheet 2 of 3 – Bushfire Management Plan (dated 06.08.2021); prepared by Shane Muir Consulting Engineers must be endorsed to form part of the permit and must not be altered unless otherwise agreed in writing by the CFA and the Responsible Authority.***

Time Limit

- 4. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances arises:***
 - a) The development is not started within two (2) years of the date of issue of this permit; or***
 - b) The development is not completed within four (4) years of the date of issue of this permit.***

The Responsible Authority may extend the period/s referred to if a request is made in writing in accordance with Section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

*****End of Conditions*****

Notes:

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MOVED: CRS B Ireland/M Albrecht

That Council approves planning application PA1742-2021 for the development of a dwelling on the subject land known as 112 Ellerman Street Dimboola VIC 3414 (Lot 1 PS631108K Parish of Dimboola), subject to the following conditions:

Endorsed Plans

- 1. The works 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 written consent of the Responsible Authority.***

Mandatory Bushfire Condition

- 2. The bushfire protection measures forming part of this permit or shown on the endorsed plans, including those relating to construction standards, defendable space, water supply and access, must be maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority on a continuing basis. This condition continues to have force and effect after the development authorised by this permit has been completed***

Country Fire Authority Condition

- 3. The Bushfire Management Plan sheet 2 of 3 – Bushfire Management Plan (dated 06.08.2021); prepared by Shane Muir Consulting Engineers must be endorsed to form part of the permit and must not be altered unless otherwise agreed in writing by the CFA and the Responsible Authority.***

Time Limit

- 4. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances arises:***
 - a) The development is not started within two (2) years of the date of issue of this permit; or***
 - b) The development is not completed within four (4) years of the date of issue of this permit.***

The Responsible Authority may extend the period/s referred to if a request is made in writing in accordance with Section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

*****End of Conditions*****

Notes:

A Consent to Works Within Road Reserve Permit must be obtained from Council's Engineering Team (Phone: 03 5391 4444) for any works that may be required on the road reserve.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 16

9.4 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION PA1726-2021 – EXTEND THE HOURS AND DAYS OF TRADING ALLOWED FOR THE EXISTING LIQUOR LICENCE AT 31 NELSON STREET NHILL VIC 3418

Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File:	Planning – Applications
Assessment:	127760
Application No.	PA1726-2021
Applicant:	Mr Neil Clark, Zero Inn Motel
Owner:	Ejup Kolasinac and Vera Kolasinac
Subject land:	31 Nelson Street, Nhill, VIC 3418 (Lots 3 and 4 Block C on PS000484) – Zero Inn Motel
Proposal:	Extend the hours and days of trading allowed for the existing liquor licence
Zoning and Overlays:	Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z) Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 6 (ESO6)
Relevant Clauses:	Clause 52.27 Licensed Premises
Attachment Numbers:	17 - 18

Summary:

This report recommends that Council approve Planning Permit PA1726-2021 to Extend the hours and days of trading allowed for the existing liquor licence at 31 Nelson Street, Nhill, VIC 3418 (Lots 3 and 4 Block C on PS000484) for the Zero Inn Motel, subject to standard conditions.

Background:

Planning Application PA1726-2021 was lodged with Council on 15 June 2021. The application fee was paid on 22 June 2021. The planning application form was amended on 28 June 2021.

The current hours and days of the trading for the existing liquor licence are as follows:

- Monday to Friday – Between 5pm and 10pm.

Proposal details:

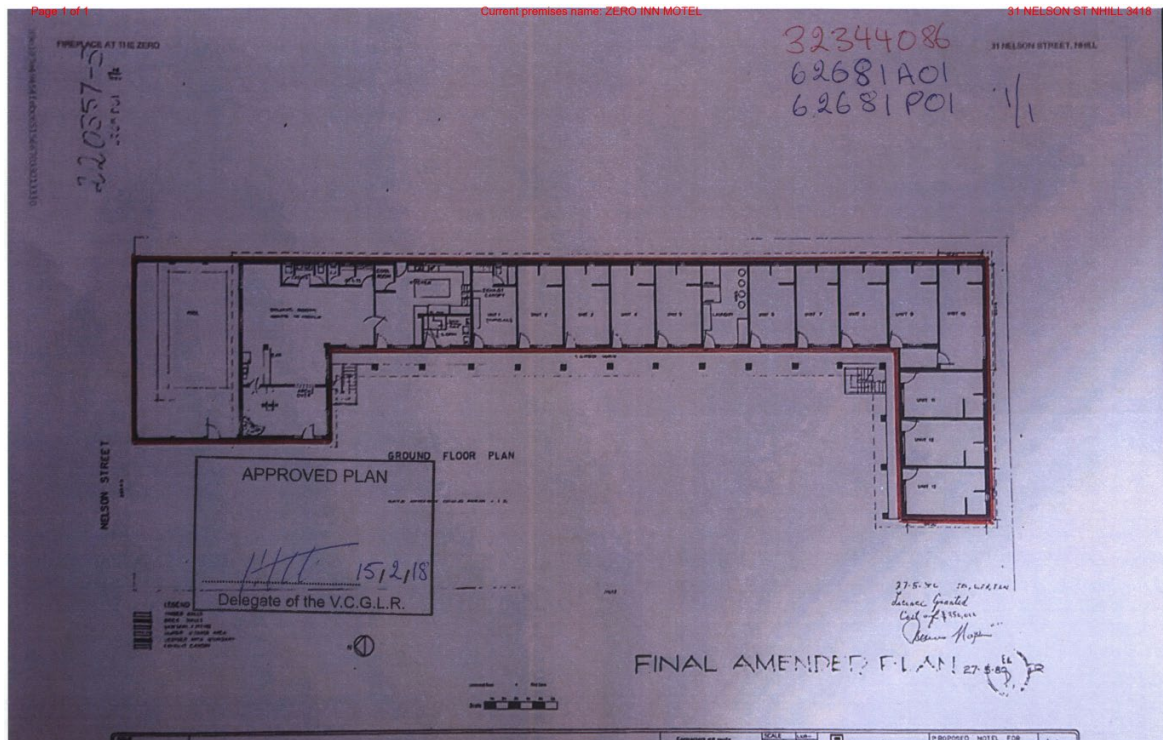
The proposed extension to the hours and days of trading for the existing liquor licence (Restaurant and Café Licence) are as follows:

- Sunday: 10.00am to 11.00pm.

- Good Friday: 12.00noon to 11.00pm.
- ANZAC Day (not being a Saturday or Sunday): 12.00noon to 11.00pm.
- Any other day: 7.00am-11.00pm.

The existing red line area defining the area where liquor can be sold and consumed on the site includes the restaurant area and the motel units and will not be altered as part of the proposal. The maximum capacity of 50 patrons is also not proposed to be altered.

Existing Red Line Area Plan below:



Requirement for Permit:

The subject land is located within the Commercial 1 Zone.

A planning permit is required to use land to sell or consume liquor as the following applies:

- A licence is required under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.
- The hours of trading allowed under a licence are to be extended.

Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement

The subject site is not burdened by a Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP)

The proposal is exempt from requiring a CHMP as the proposal is not within land affected by Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity pursuant to the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018*.

Subject Site and Locality

The subject site is located on the southern side of Nelson Street and is occupied by the Zero Inn Motel. The site is situated approximately 740m to the east of the centre of the

commercial area of Nhill.

The site adjoins a residential area to the east, south and west and a Road Zone Category 1 (Western Highway) to the north, which is the main highway between Melbourne and Adelaide. There is a railway reservation located on the northern side of the highway.

The site is within the Commercial 1 Zone. The surrounding land is within the General Residential 1 Zone.

Aerial Photo of the site and surrounds below (POZI):



Advertising:

Section 52 Notice of Application

The application has been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, by:

- Sending notices to the owners and occupiers of the adjoining land.
- Placing one public notice on site fronting Nelson Street for a period of 14 days.
- The application being made available for public viewing on Council's website.

The notification has been carried out correctly by Council (letters and website) and the applicant (public notice).

A statutory declaration form has been received from the applicant.

Council has not received any objections to date.

Referrals:

External Referrals

Section 55

No referrals required.

Section 52

VCGLR – Response received - Does not intend to offer any comment or submission on the above application.

Police - No issues in regard to the proposed permit application.

Internal Referrals

The application was referred internally to the following Department:

- Environmental Health – No actions required.

Planning Scheme:

Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)

Clause 02.02 Vision

Clause 02.03 Strategic Directions

Clause 02.03-1 Settlement and housing

Clause 02.03-6 Economic Development

Clause 02.04 Strategic Framework Plans - Nhill Framework Plan

Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

Clause 11.01-1S Settlement

Clause 11.01-1R Settlement- Wimmera Southern Mallee

Clause 15.01-5S Neighbourhood character

Clause 17.01-1S Diversified economy

Clause 17.01-1R Diversified economy - Wimmera Southern Mallee

Clause 17.02-1S Business

Clause 17.04-1S Facilitating tourism

Clause 17.04-1R Tourism - Wimmera Southern Mallee

Planning Response:

The proposal is supported by the relevant planning policies in the MPS and PPF relating to Settlement and Economic Development. The proposal will provide economic opportunities for the existing motel business that provides short-term accommodation and further encourage tourism within Nhill in accordance with Clauses 17.01-1S, 17.01-1R, 17.02-1S, 17.04-1S and 17.04-1R.

Clause 34.01 – Commercial 1 Zone

There is no planning permit required under the zone.

Particular Provisions

Clause 52.27 Licensed Premises

Purpose

To ensure that licensed premises are situated in appropriate locations.

To ensure that the impact of the licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area is considered.

Scope

These provisions apply to premises licensed, or to be licensed, under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.

Permit required (relevant to the application)

A permit is required to use land to sell or consume liquor if any of the following apply:

- A licence is required under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.
- The hours of trading allowed under a licence are to be extended.

Referral of applications

An application must be referred and notice of the application must be given in accordance with Clause 66 of this scheme.

Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The impact of the sale or consumption of liquor permitted by the liquor licence on the amenity of the surrounding area.
- The impact of the hours of operation on the amenity of the surrounding area.
- The impact of the number of patrons on the amenity of the surrounding area.
- The cumulative impact of any existing licensed premises and the proposed licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area.

Planning Response:

- There is no Section 55 Referral required under Clause 66 of the Scheme as the proposed hours will not extend past 1am.
- The proposal complies with Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework as discussed above.
- The sale or consumption of liquor permitted by the liquor licence will not adversely impact on the amenity of the surrounding area.
- The increase in the hours of operation within this Commercial 1 Zone is appropriate and is unlikely to have any impacts on the amenity of the surrounding area.
- The existing number of patrons (50) licensed to be sold liquor on the site will not be altered.

- There will be no cumulative impacts from existing licensed premises and the extended hours of the licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area.

General Provisions

Clause 65 - Decision Guidelines

Because a permit can be granted does not imply that a permit should or will be granted. The Responsible Authority must decide whether the proposal will produce acceptable outcomes in terms of the decision guidelines of this clause.

Clause 65.01 Approval of an application or plan

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the Responsible Authority must consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

Planning Response:

The proposal complies with the Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework, having regard to the economic benefit the proposal will have for the existing motel business to have extended hours and days of trade for their liquor licence. The proposal will not impact on the amenity of the area and will facilitate the orderly planning of the area to comply with this Clause.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework, Clause 52.27 and Clause 65 of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme.

Report to Council:

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

Processing Times:

- 15/06/2021 – Application lodged
- 22/06/2021 – Application fee paid
- 25/06/2021 – Further information requested
- 28/06/2021 – Response to further information and amended application received pursuant to Section 50 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- 15/07/2021 – Public Notice instructions sent to applicant
- 15/07/2021 – Public notification commenced – letters sent
- 15/07/2021 – Internal referral to Environmental Health sent
- 19/07/2021 – External referrals to VCGLR and Police sent
- 20/07/2021 – External referrals and internal referrals all received
- 23/07/2021 – Public notice (sign) erected on site by the applicant
- 09/08/2021 – Statutory declaration for the advertising received from the applicant
- 08/09/2021 – Presented to Council for approval

The report is being presented to Council for approval at the meeting held 08 September 2021 (47 statutory days).

The statutory processing time requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been satisfied in this instance.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 3.1 A strong rural economy and thriving towns.
Strategic Objective 3.2 A thriving tourist industry.

Financial Implications:

The proposal will have positive financial implications through a potential increase in the motel business and potential to attract visitors to Nhill.

Risk Management Implications:

There are no risks to be managed by Council, except if the planning permit is not approved, Council could be seen to be restricting business opportunities within the municipality.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Angela Hoy, Director Infrastructure Services

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

Author – Bernadine Pringle, Consultant Town Planner

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

Communications Strategy:

Advise the applicant of the Council's decision.

Next Steps:

Issue a Planning Permit and endorse the plans if approved by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Planning Permit PA1726-2021 be approved, to extend the hours and days of trading allowed for the existing liquor licence at 31 Nelson Street, Nhill VIC 3418 (Lots 3 and 4 Block C on PS000484) – Zero Inn Motel, subject to the following conditions:

Endorsed Plans

- 1. The use 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 written consent of the Responsible Authority.***

Hours of Operation

2. *The sale and consumption of liquor must not occur outside the following hours:*

- *Sunday: between 10.00am-11.00pm.*
- *Good Friday: between 12.00noon-11.00pm.*
- *ANZAC Day (not being a Saturday or Sunday): between 12.00noon-11.00pm.*
- *Any other day: between 7.00am-11.00pm.*

Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Responsible Authority.

Amenity

3. *The use for the sale and consumption of liquor approved by this permit is to be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.*

Permit Expiry - Use

4. *This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:*
a) *The use is not started within two years of the date of this permit.*

In accordance with Section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within six months of the permit expiry date, where the development allowed by the permit has not yet started; or within 12 months of the permit expiry date, where the development has lawfully started before the permit expires.

*****End of Conditions*****

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/B Ireland

That Planning Permit PA1726-2021 be approved, to extend the hours and days of trading allowed for the existing liquor licence at 31 Nelson Street, Nhill VIC 3418 (Lots 3 and 4 Block C on PS000484) – Zero Inn Motel, subject to the following conditions:

Endorsed Plans

1. *The use 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 written consent of the Responsible Authority.*

Hours of Operation

2. The sale and consumption of liquor must not occur outside the following hours:

- **Sunday: between 10.00am-11.00pm.**
- **Good Friday: between 12.00noon-11.00pm.**
- **ANZAC Day (not being a Saturday or Sunday): between 12.00noon-11.00pm.**
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Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Responsible Authority.

Amenity

3. The use for the sale and consumption of liquor approved by this permit is to be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Permit Expiry - Use

- 4. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:**
- a) **The use is not started within two years of the date of this permit.**

In accordance with Section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within six months of the permit expiry date, where the development allowed by the permit has not yet started; or within 12 months of the permit expiry date, where the development has lawfully started before the permit expires.

****End of Conditions****

CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 17 - 18

10. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

10.1 COMMUNITIES OF RESPECT AND EQUALITY STRATEGY 2021-2025

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment Number: 19

Introduction:

The purpose of this report is for Hindmarsh Shire Council to recommit to Communities of Respect and Equality (CoRE) by endorsing the second iteration of the CoRE Strategy.

Discussion:

CoRE is an alliance of organisations, businesses, clubs and groups that are committed

to creating safe, equal and respectful communities in the Grampians region. The Vision of the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025 is:

A safe, equal and respectful society for everyone - where women and their children live free from gender-based violence and every person is valued, heard, respected and empowered.

Hindmarsh Shire Council signed up to the initial CoRE Strategy in 2017 and developed an action plan based on the Strategy which was adopted by the Chief Executive Officer in September of 2017.

The second iteration of the CoRE Strategy builds on the 2017 CoRE Strategy and the progress that has been made over the last four years. The CoRE Strategy 2021-2025 also considers the *Gender Equality Act 2020* and the work that defined entities are currently undertaking in the implementation of that piece of landmark legislation.

There are minimum requirements of being a CoRE member which are outline as follows:

Members agree to:

- integrate and resource relevant activities;
- make changes to their organisation's planning, policies and operations;
- work collaboratively with other members to share knowledge, resources and ideas; and
- communicate on progress, insights and challenges that will help monitor and build the capacity of the CoRE Alliance.

All CoRE members are expected to:

- secure leadership support (CEO or equivalent, and the leadership team);
- have an organisation wide CoRE action plan which evolves over time;
- appoint a CoRE liaison person (CoRE coordinator or champion); and
- report on progress annually.

Support is provided to organisations through:

- one on one consultations with Women's Health Grampians Regional Consultants who provide expertise and tailored advice;
- leadership briefings to increase knowledge and organisational commitment;
- training programs on a variety of topics, including: gender equity, prevention of violence against women, active bystanders, and intersectionality;
- organisation-wide programs such as Act@Work;
- community of practice events to build members' capacity to implement change and provide a forum for members to share knowledge and insights; and
- an extensive suite of practical resources to assist organisations to take action.

Hindmarsh Shire Council is committed to implementing the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025 alongside the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

Options:

1. Council can endorse the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025.
2. Council can not endorse the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 4.3 An engaged skilled Council and workforce capable of meeting community needs.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Risk Management Implications:

N/A

Relevant legislation:

Gender Equality Act 2020

Local Government Act 2020

Community engagement:

N/A

Gender equality implications:

Recommitting to CoRE and signing up to the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025 will build on the work Council is doing under the *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

Confidential Declaration:

N/A

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, 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 – Helen Thomson, Manager Governance and Human Services
In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Council officers will prepare a media release outlining Councils commitment to the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025.

Next Steps:

Following approval the Chief Executive Officer will sign the CoRE Charter which commits Council to the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025. Officers will then review the Act@Work Action Plan with reference to the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025 and the Gender Equality Principles outlined in the *Gender Equality Act 2020* and in line with the preparation of the Gender Equality Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/W Bywaters

That Council endorses the CoRE Strategy 2021-2025.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 19

10.2 MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2021

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Introduction:

This report seeks Council approval to observe the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday throughout the Hindmarsh municipality for 2021.

Discussion:

At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 23 June 2021 Council resolved to write to the Minister for Small Business expressing a preference for a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day for Rainbow Show and Nhill Show.

Following the uncertainty around COVID-19 restrictions and subsequent lockdowns, Nhill Agricultural and Pastoral Incorporated wrote to Council on 5 August 2021 notifying Council on the Cancellation of the Nhill Annual Show Day for 2021 and requesting their request for the substitute public holiday be withdrawn.

Dimboola Agricultural and Pastoral Society have also cancelled their Annual Show for 2021. Jeparit and Rainbow Agricultural and Pastoral Societies have not yet notified Council of their intention.

At the date of writing this report, the Minister for Small Business has not yet gazetted the alternative public holidays for Rainbow Show and Nhill Show. Following the decision by Council officers will write to the Minister for Small Business notifying of the cancellation of the request.

Options:

1. Council can notify the Minister for Small Business of the decision to withdraw the request for substitute public holidays in Rainbow and Nhill and observe the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday throughout the Hindmarsh Municipality;
2. Council can notify the Minister for Small Business of the decision to continue with the nomination of substitute public holidays for Rainbow and Nhill.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 1.3 A community that is physically active with access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and recreation facilities.

Financial Implications:

No Financial Implications.

Risk Management Implications:

There are no risk management implications.

Relevant legislation:

Public Holidays Act 1993 section 8A(1)

Community engagement:

Council officers will prepare a media release notifying the Hindmarsh municipality of the decision to observe the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday for 2021.

Gender equality implications:

A gender impact assessment was not completed.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Greg Wood, Chief Executive Officer

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

Author – Monica Revell, Director Corporate & Community Services

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

Communications Strategy:

Council officers will prepare a media release and write to the A&P societies notifying of the decision to observe the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday for 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council writes to the Minister for Small Business withdrawing the request to observe substitute public holidays in lieu of the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday for 2021.

MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/B Ireland

That Council writes to the Minister for Small Business withdrawing the request to observe substitute public holidays in lieu of the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday for 2021.

CARRIED

10.3 DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment Number: 20

Introduction:

This report presents the Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and recommends that adopt the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 and invite community submissions.

Discussion:

Under section 91 of the *Local Government Act 2020* council must develop, adopt and keep in force a Financial Plan for a period of at least 10 years. The Long Term Financial Plan is required to be adopted by 31 October 2021.

The Long Term Financial Plan is a new requirement of the Local Government Act 2020, previously Council was required to develop a Strategic Resource Plan which included the budget year and following three year budgets. This has previously been included as part of the annual budget process.

In developing the Long Term Financial Plan, Council has taken into account the 2021/2022 budget, Council Plan and Community Vision initiatives, and need to maintain service levels and asset renewal. The Financial Plan is based on the best available information at the time of preparation and will be updated annually as necessary.

The following assumptions have been made in the development of the Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31.

Escalation Factors % movement	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
CPI	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Growth	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Rates & Charges	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Statutory fees & fines	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
User fees	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Grants - Operating	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Grants - Capital*	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Contributions - monetary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Contributions - non-mometary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other income	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Employee costs	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Materials & Services	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Depreciation	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Other expenses	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%

**increases are applied on known recurrent capital grants*

The draft Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 will be made available for public inspection and the receiving of submissions for the period Thursday 9 September 2021 to Friday 1 October 2021. Council will be advised of any submissions received at the 6 October 2021 Council meeting.

The Long Term Financial Plan will be available for public inspection at Council Customer Service Centres (subject to COVID-19 restrictions) or online on Council's website.

Options:

Council must prepare and advertise its Long Term Financial Plan pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 4.1 Long-term financial sustainability –
Continue to focus on responsible financial management in budgeting and long term financial planning.

Financial Implications:

The Long Term Financial Plan is based on the 2021/22 annual budget, Council Plan and Community Vision initiatives, maintaining service levels and asset renewal.

Risk Management Implications:

A strong and robust long term financial plan will ensure Council remains financially sustainable into the future, reducing risk to the organisation.

Relevant legislation:

Local Government Act 2020

Community engagement:

Community consultation was undertaken in both the development of the 2021/22 annual budget, Council Plan 2021-2025 and Community Vision 2040 which have informed the preparation of the Long Term Financial Plan.

The draft Long Term Financial Plan will be available for public submissions between Thursday 9 September 2021 and Friday 1 October 2021.

Gender equality implications:

No gender impact assessment was completed.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Author & Officer Responsible – Monica Revell, Director Corporate & Community Services
In providing this advice as the Author & Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Advertisements will be placed in local newspapers, Council's e-newsletters and on Council's Facebook page informing of the preparation of the Long Term Financial Plan.

Copies of the draft Long Term Financial Plan will be available at Council's Customer Service Centres (subject to Covid-19 restrictions) and on Council's website.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

- 1. Approves the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020,***
- 2. Gives public notice of the preparation of the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 inviting written submissions from the public for the period Thursday 9 September 2021 to Friday 1 October 2021, and***
- 3. Considers public submissions from those who have requested that they be heard in support of their submission and the formal adoption of the Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 October 2021.***

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/R Gersch

That Council

- 1. Approves the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020,**
- 2. Gives public notice of the preparation of the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 inviting written submissions from the public for the period Thursday 9 September 2021 to Friday 1 October 2021, and**
- 3. Considers public submissions from those who have requested that they be heard in support of their submission and the formal adoption of the Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 October 2021.**

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 20

10.4 WATER FLUORIDATION

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachment Number: 21

Introduction:

This report is to inform Council of the results of public consultation with regards to submissions received about the water fluoridation program and for Council to consider whether or not to actively advocate for a water fluoridation program.

Discussion:

Council Resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on the 5 February 2020 that Council undertake public consultation to determine the level of support for Council to advocate for the implementation of water fluoridation across the Shire's town water supplies.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, Community Consultation was not able to proceed until February 2021. Prior to Council requesting submissions be made, information about the benefits of fluoridation programs were distributed through our Community Consultation meetings in March 2021, as well as a media release and various Facebook posts. Community advertising requesting feedback from Hindmarsh Shire Residents started on 17 May 2021 with submissions closing on 30 June 2021.

Twenty-six (26) Submissions were received and the full submissions are attached for Councillors information. Of the 26 Submissions, 25 were from Hindmarsh Residents, and 1 was a Regional submission.

Of the 25 submissions received from Hindmarsh Shire Residents, 8 were supportive of fluoridation, and 17 were against. The majority of submissions maintained that a healthy diet and education was a priority over introducing fluoride into water.

Unfortunately studies have shown that in low socio-economic residents are more likely to be unable to sustain a healthy diet. The effect this has on young children exasperates the dental issues that they may face in the future.

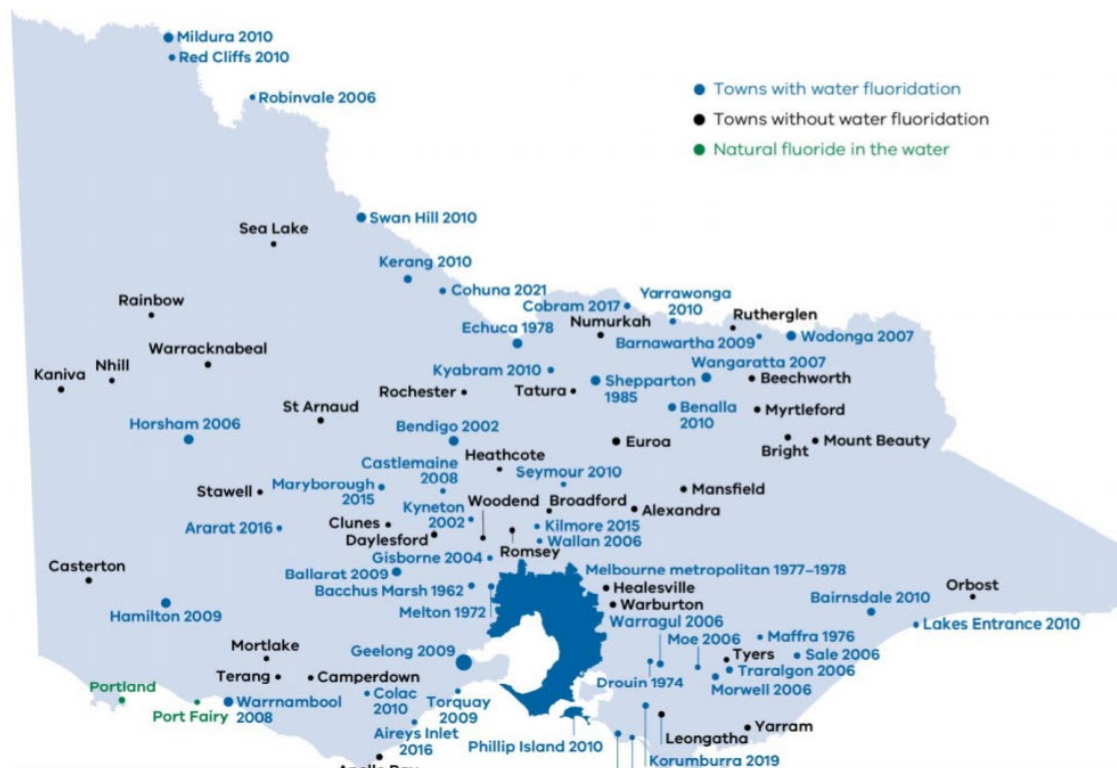
Fluoride in drinking water is helpful because it:

- helps protect against tooth decay in people of all ages, regardless of education, income, motivation or access to dental and health care;
- repairs damage to teeth caused by food and drinks; and
- can reduce the impacts of tooth decay including discomfort, pain and the cost of dental treatment.

There is a common misconception that because we use toothpaste which contains fluoride it doesn't need to be added to the water. Using fluoridated drinking water and toothpaste with fluoride provide important and complementary benefits. Fluoridated drinking water keeps low levels of fluoride in saliva and in dental plaque all day. Together, the two sources offer more protection than using either one alone

Australia's peak health body, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), strongly recommends community water fluoridation as a safe, effective and ethical way to help reduce tooth decay across the population. The NHMRC has specified the compounds that are acceptable to add to drinking water for this purpose. These are sodium fluoride, sodium fluorosilicate and fluorosilicic acid.

About 96 percent of Victorians have access to fluoridated water. This is broken down into 99 percent of communities in metropolitan Melbourne and 87 percent in rural and regional areas (refer to Figure 1).



In 2020 the government released the Victorian action plan to prevent oral disease 2020–30. The plan sets out a vision to achieve good oral health for all Victorians by 2030, with a focus on reducing the gap in oral health for people who are at higher risk of oral disease. This includes providing water fluoridation to Victorian communities that do not currently have access, funding public dental care for eligible people, providing free annual oral health check-ups and the follow up care needed to children in government schools through the Smile Squad program, and other oral health promotion and oral disease prevention programs. The Water Fluoridation Program is State legislated and will continue whether Council advocates for it or not when money is available.

Options:

1. Council can choose to actively advocate for the implementation of a water fluoridation program, and continue to support healthy initiatives through other agencies with regards to health and education including but not limited to the Wimmera Health Service and Dental Services.
2. Council can choose to support fluoridation of our water supply should it become available, and continue to support health initiatives through other agencies with regards to health and education including but not limited to the Wimmera Health Service and Dental Services.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 1.2.4 Advocate for enhanced services in community and mental health.

Financial Implications:

Nil

Risk Management Implications:

Nil

Relevant Legislation:

The *Health (Fluoridation) Act 1973* regulates safe and effective addition of fluoride to drinking water.

Victorian action plan to prevent oral disease 2020–30

Community Engagement:

Community Engagement has been completed and is covered in the discussion.

Gender equality implications:

N/A

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer /Author Responsible – Angela Hoy, Director Infrastructure Services

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

Communications Strategy:

Write to the authors of the submissions received advising them of Council resolution.

Next Steps:

Council will discuss a partnership with Wimmera Health Services are other interested parties to advocate for water fluoridation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council actively advocates for the implementation of a water fluoridation program, and continues to support healthy initiatives through other agencies with regards to health and education, including Wimmera Health Services, Dental Services and other key organisations.

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/M Albrecht

That Council actively advocates for the implementation of a water fluoridation program, and continues to support healthy initiatives through other agencies with regards to health and education, including Wimmera Health Services, Dental Services and other key organisations.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 21

Cr W Bywaters declared a material conflict of interest and left the meeting at 4:00pm.

10.5 COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT – CR BYWATERS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Number: 22

Introduction:

This report considers a request from Cr Bywaters to undertake training through MAV.

Discussion:

Cr Bywaters has requested to complete the following training being offered through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) during August and September 2021 totaling \$1,485 (incl GST).

- Understanding Council Finances (\$220 incl GST);

- Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment (complimentary);
- Resilience and Wellbeing (\$440 incl GST);
- Meeting Procedures (\$385 incl GST);
- Community Leadership (\$440 incl GST); and
- Sexual Harassment (complimentary).

Council allocates an annual budget of approximately \$15,000 (excl GST) for Councillor Development and mayoral attendance at meetings. The training is based on \$2,000 (excl GST) per Councillor and an additional \$3,000 (excl GST) for mayoral attendance at conferences/meetings as Council's delegate.

Council has previously allocated approximately \$10,000 (excl GST) for Councillor Development training at the meeting held on 4 August 2021. Cr Bywaters share of this would be \$1,667, leaving \$333 remaining from her 2021/2022 training allocation

To allow Councillors the opportunity to complete training as it arises, it is proposed that Councillors are able to bring forward up to half of the following year's individual allocation (ie \$1,000). This would not be available in the final year of a council term, which would also be pro-rata because it only runs for part of a financial year. This will enable a Councillor to undertaken training of up to \$3,000 in one year with a reduced amount in the second year.

Options:

1. Council can approve the training request for Cr Bywaters in full totaling \$1,485 (incl GST).
2. Council can choose amend the training request to reduce the cost.
3. Council can choose to not approve the training request for Cr Bywaters.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 4.3 An engaged skilled Council and workforce capable of meeting community needs.

Financial Implications:

Council has an annual budget allocation of \$15,000 for 2021/2022 for Councillor Training, Conferences and Seminars. \$10,000 was allocated at the meeting held on 4 August 2021 for Councillor Development.

Risk Management Implications:

Undertaking training will increase skills and knowledge of Council.

Relevant legislation:

N/A

Community engagement:

N/A

Gender equality implications:

No gender impact assessment was completed.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Author & Officer Responsible – Greg Wood, Chief Executive Officer

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the training request from Cr Bywaters to attend the following MAV training sessions totaling \$1,350 (excl GST):

- ***Understanding Council Finances;***
- ***Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment;***
- ***Resilience and Wellbeing;***
- ***Meeting Procedures;***
- ***Community Leadership; and***
- ***Sexual Harassment.***

Funded through:

- ***the balance of 2021/2022 Cr Bywaters Councillor Development \$333 (excl GST),***
- ***brought forward 2022/2023 Cr Bywaters Councillor Development allocation \$1000 (excl GST) and***
- ***Cr Bywaters contribution \$17***

MOVED: CRS D Nelson/R Gersch

That Council approves the training request from Cr Bywaters to attend the following MAV training sessions totaling \$1,350 (excl GST):

- ***Understanding Council Finances;***
- ***Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment;***
- ***Resilience and Wellbeing;***
- ***Meeting Procedures;***
- ***Community Leadership; and***
- ***Sexual Harassment.***

Funded through the 2021/2022 Councillor Development budget.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 22

Cr W Bywaters returned to the meeting at 4:13pm.

11. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

11.1 NHILL TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment Number: 23

Introduction:

The Nhill Town Committee held its meetings on 16 August 2021. 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 Nhill Town Committee meeting held on 16 August 2021.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/B Ireland

That Council notes the minutes of the Nhill Town Committee meeting held on 16 August 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 23

11.2 YURUNGA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment Number: 24

Introduction:

The Yurunga Committee of Management held its meetings on 17 June 2021. 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 held on 17 June 2021.

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/M Albrecht

That Council notes the minutes of the Yurunga Committee of Management meeting held on 17 June 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 24

12. LATE REPORTS

No late reports.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

15. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Section 66 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council may close the meeting to the public to consider confidential information. Confidential information is defined by Section 3 of the *Local Government Act 2020* as being:

- a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;
- b) security information, being information that if released is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person;
- c) land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values;
- d) law enforcement information, being information which if released would be reasonably likely to prejudice the investigation into an alleged breach of the law or the fair trial or hearing of any person;
- e) legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies;
- f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;
- g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—
 - i. relates to trade secrets; or
 - ii. if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or

- financial undertaking to disadvantage;
- h) confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a);
 - i) internal arbitration information, being information specified in section 145;
 - j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information, being information specified in section 169;
 - k) information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition;
 - l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989

RECOMMENDATION:

That the meeting be closed in accordance with section 66 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to consider reports that contain confidential information as defined by section (3) of the Local Government Act 2020:

- 15.1 Request for Tender – Award Contract for the Management and Operation of Council Owned Swimming Pool Facilities – this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council’s position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains to contractual matters;***
- 15.2 Extension of Waste Contracts – this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council’s position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains to contractual matters;***

MOVED: R Gersch/M Albrecht

That the meeting be closed in accordance with section 66 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to consider reports that contain confidential information as defined by section (3) of the Local Government Act 2020:

- 15.1 Request for Tender – Award Contract for the Management and Operation of Council Owned Swimming Pool Facilities – this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council’s position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains to contractual matters;***
- 15.2 Extension of Waste Contracts – this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council’s position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains to contractual matters;***

CARRIED

16. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, Cr R Ismay declared the meeting closed at 4:38pm.

From:

To:

Subject: Ministerial Response

Date: Tuesday, 7 September 2021 1:38:37 PM

Attachments:

Ministerial response:

The Government currently has no plans to restore a local passenger train service between Ararat and Nhill. There are a series of constraints that prevent the introduction of a shuttle train between Ararat and Nhill without significant investment in rollingstock and infrastructure.

The investment required would include trackwork and signalling at Ararat on the standard gauge interstate tracks to facilitate the turning back of a train. Similar work would be required at Nhill. There would need to be further investment in infrastructure to stable a train, fuel the rollingstock, and maintain the fleet. This would need to occur at a purpose-built facility on the line. Additional track infrastructure would likely be needed to facilitate both a useful passenger service and nationally important freight on the interstate rail corridor.

The Government was advised that the highest priority for the communities and Councils along the railway line west of Ararat was the retention of The Overland interstate passenger service. The Government has acknowledged the importance of this service and guaranteed its continued funding through to 2023, even though the South Australian Government withdrew its financial support after the end of 2018.



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9 September 2021

Ms Angela Hoy
Director Infrastructure Services,
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By Email: info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Hoy

Domestic mobile roaming in rural and regional Australia

Thank you for your letter of 5 August 2021 to Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Chair, Rod Sims, expressing support for an ACCC inquiry into whether to declare a wholesale domestic mobile roaming service (mobile roaming) in Australia.

As you noted in your letter, in 2016-17, the ACCC conducted an inquiry into whether to declare a mobile roaming service. Following extensive consultation, we concluded at the time that the declaration of mobile roaming would not promote the long-term interests of end-users.¹ Amongst other things, we found that declaration would undermine commercial incentives to invest in mobile infrastructure in regional areas, to the detriment of regional consumers.

We recognise the importance of connectivity in rural and regional areas, from a social and economic perspective, and the critical role of mobile connectivity in particular in keeping communities safe during emergencies and natural disasters.

While we are not proposing to commence another inquiry on mobile roaming at present, we note that the 2016–17 inquiry did not explicitly consider mobile roaming during emergencies. We consider that mobile roaming could improve communications during these situations, and understand the Commonwealth government is considering measures to improve community safety during such times. We strongly support the implementation of these measures.

We also note your concerns regarding blackspots and poor mobile coverage in your region. We support government co-contribution programs that are designed to attract private investments to improve coverage in regional areas. The ACCC remains engaged in the

¹ See ACCC, *Domestic mobile roaming declaration inquiry: Final report*, October 2017, at: <https://www.accc.gov.au/regulated-infrastructure/communications/mobile-services/domestic-mobile-roaming-declaration-inquiry-2016/final-report>.

design of co-contribution programs, and has made submissions in the past in relation to the design of the federal government's Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP) and Regional Connectivity Program. In particular, we will continue to advocate for program designs that deliver competitive outcomes such that regional communities could benefit from improvement in both coverage and the choice of providers.

Finally, you may be aware that the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee is appointed every three years to undertake a review examining telecommunications services in rural, regional, and remote Australia. The 2021 Committee has commenced its inquiry and is currently seeking submissions in response to its issues paper.²

The review will consider, among other things, the impact of Government policies and programs to improve regional connectivity and digital inclusion, service reliability issues which impact regional communities, and ways of encouraging further investment in regional telecommunications. We will make a formal submission to this inquiry to highlight the importance of regional connectivity and express our support for policy measures that would improve outcomes for regional communities.

I trust this information is of assistance and thank you for contacting us about this important issue. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Clare O'Reilly, General Manager Mobiles, Consumer and Transmission on (02) 9230 3854 or clare.o'reilly@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Proudfoot
Executive General Manager
Infrastructure Division

² See Australian Government Regional Telecommunications Review 2021, *Issues paper*, July 2021, at: <https://www.communications.gov.au/have-your-say/2021-regional-telecommunications-review>.



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9 September 2021

The Hon. Jaala Pulford
Minister for Small Business
Minister for Employment
Minister for Innovation, Medical Research and the Digital Economy
Level 16, 121 Exhibition Street
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Dear Minister

Re: Public Holiday Request Melbourne Cup Day 2021

I refer to our letter dated 28 June 2021 in relation to requesting alterations to public holiday arrangements within Hindmarsh Shire for the 2021 Melbourne Cup Day public holiday.

Due to the current uncertainty as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all agricultural shows within Hindmarsh Shire have been cancelled.

At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2021, Hindmarsh Shire Council resolved to withdraw the request for substitute public holidays and observe the Melbourne Cup Day holiday across the entire shire.

We would like to officially withdraw the request for substitute public holidays and thank you for considering our request.

Please contact me via email gwood@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or by telephone on 03 5391 4444 should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Greg Wood
Chief Executive Officer



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15 September 2021

Anne Simms

Email:

Dear Anne

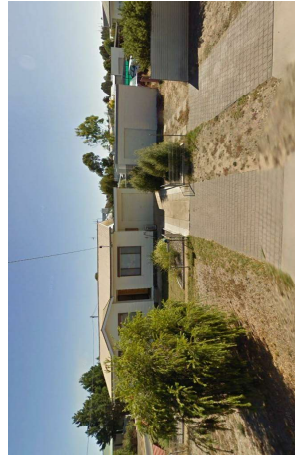
Re: Correspondence B Double Route Taverner St

Thank you for your letter received on 30 August 2021. Your letter was tabled and noted at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2021.

Cr Brett Ireland will make contact with you to discuss your concerns at a time convenient for you both.

Yours sincerely

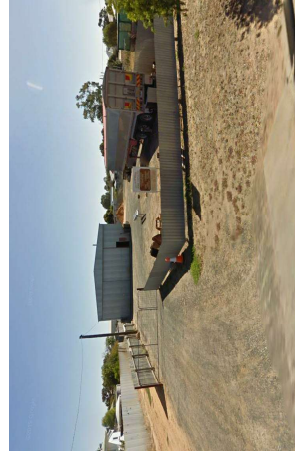
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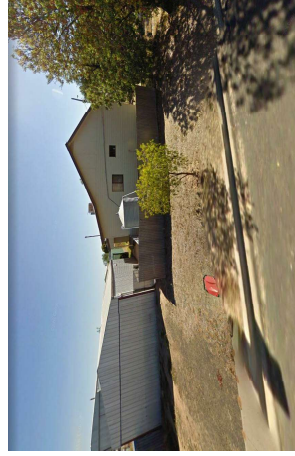
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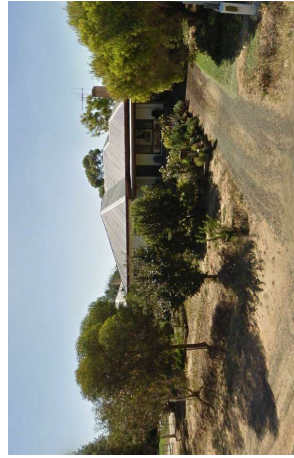
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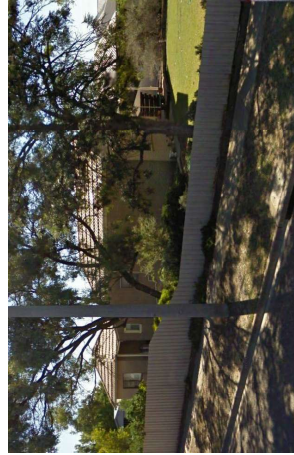
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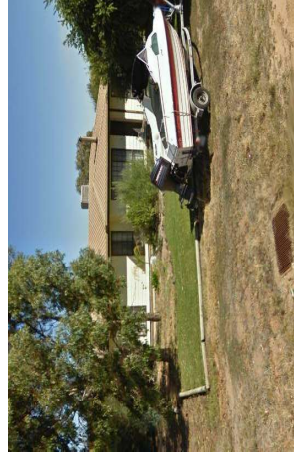
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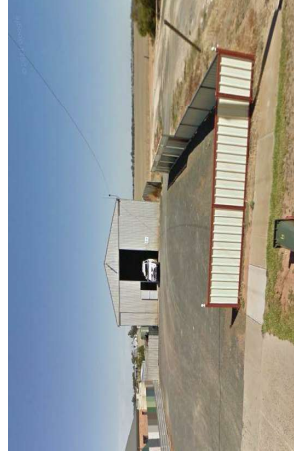
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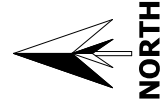
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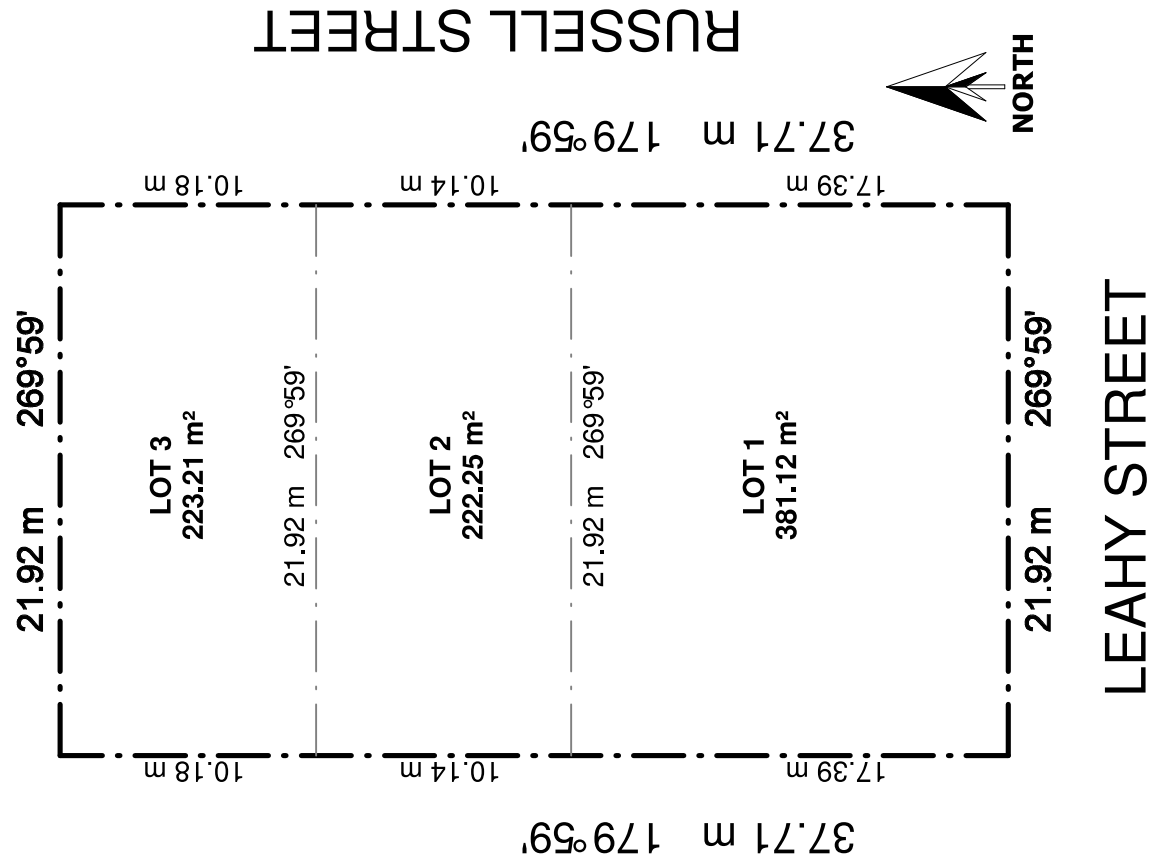
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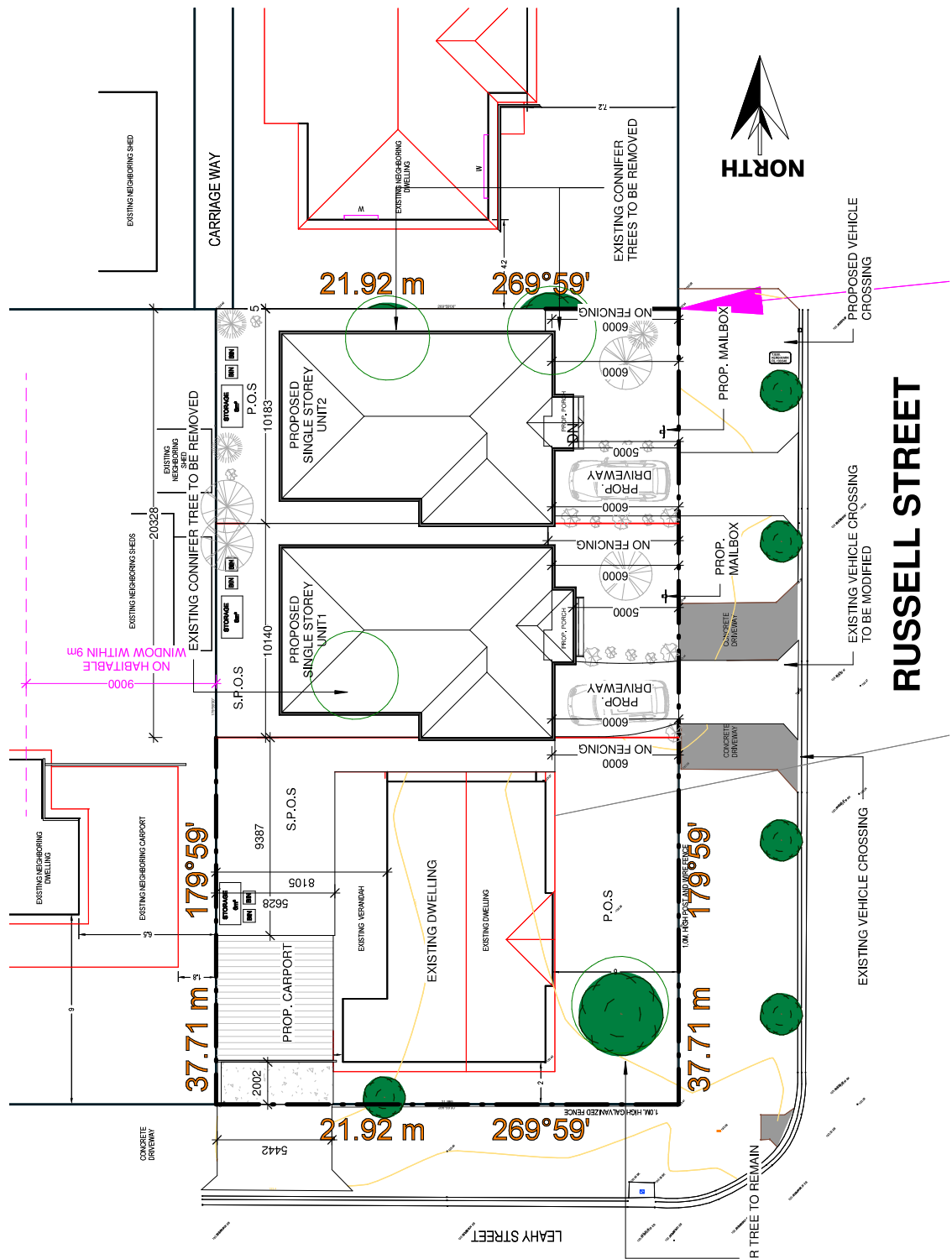
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Name	Area	Percentage
CARPORIT DRIVEWAY	11.10 m ²	1.34%
DRIVEWAY LANDSCAPE	2.22 m ²	0.27%
EXISTING DWELLING PERMEABLE SURFACE	151.65 m ²	18.35%
EXISTING DWELLING S.P.O.S	56.39 m ²	6.82%
EXISTING DWELLING SITE COVERAGE	129.17 m ²	15.63%
PROP. CARPORT COVERAGE	33.00 m ²	3.99%
UNIT1 DRIVEWAY	21.13 m ²	2.56%
UNIT1 FRONT	36.11 m ²	4.37%
UNIT1 S.P.O.S	31.64 m ²	3.83%
UNIT1 SIDE	14.73 m ²	1.78%
UNIT1 SITE COVERAGE	110.52 m ²	13.37%
UNIT1 TOPPING	7.94 m ²	0.96%
UNIT2 DRIVEWAY	19.32 m ²	2.34%
UNIT2 FRONT	37.16 m ²	4.50%
UNIT2 S.P.O.S	31.77 m ²	3.84%
UNIT2 SIDE	15.27 m ²	1.85%
UNIT2 SITE COVERAGE	109.53 m ²	13.25%
UNIT2 TOPPING	7.94 m ²	0.96%
TOTAL	826.60 m ²	



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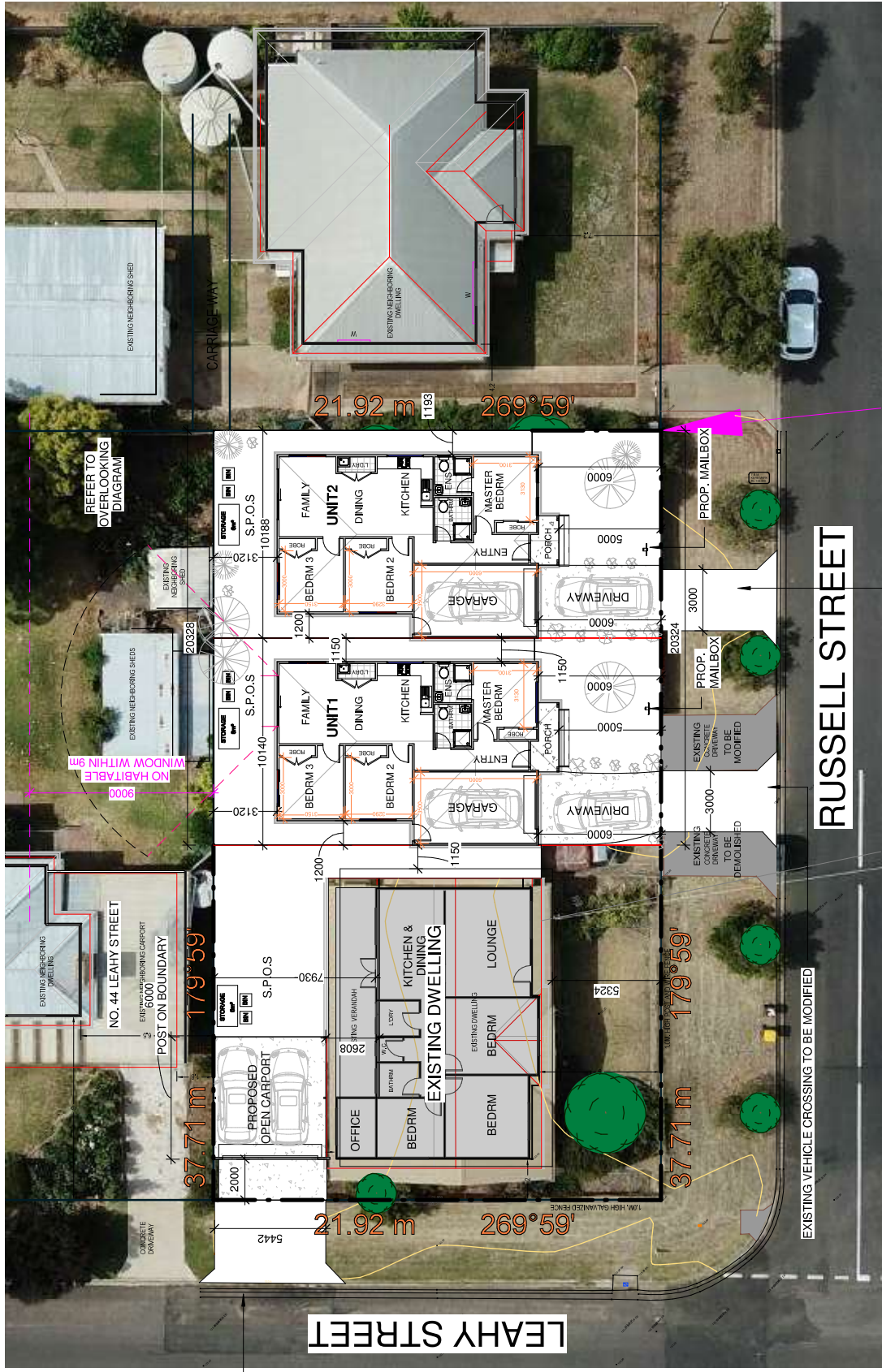
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UNIT1 SIZE			UNIT2 SIZE		
Name	Area	Area (sq)	Name	Area	Area (sq)
UNIT1 PORCH	3.95 m ²	0.43	UNIT2 PORCH	2.95 m ²	0.32
UNIT1 GARAGE	22.74 m ²	2.45	UNIT2 CARPORT	22.74 m ²	2.45
UNIT1 LIVING	83.84 m ²	9.02	UNIT2 LIVING	83.84 m ²	9.02
Total	110.53 m ²	11.90	Total	109.53 m ²	11.79

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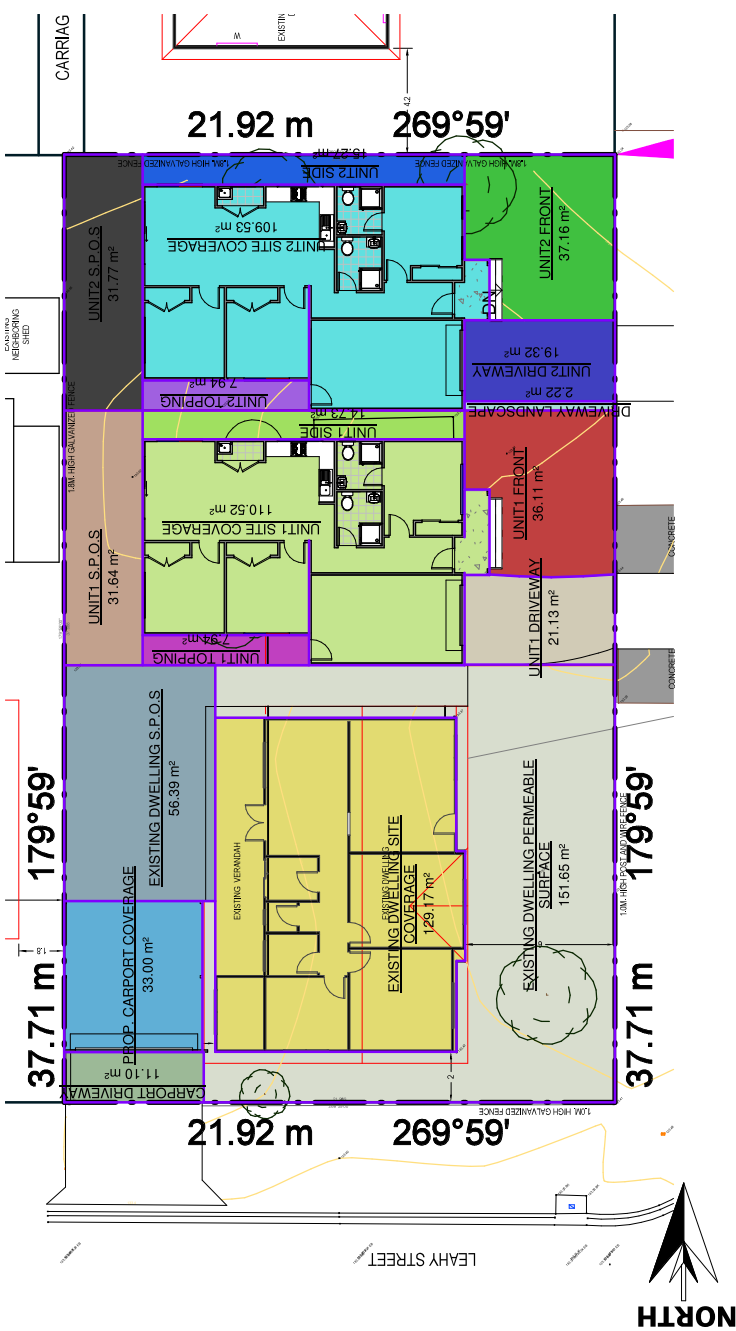
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RUSSELL STREET

TOTAL PERMEABILITY: 399.28 m² 43.14%
 TOTAL SITE COVERAGE: 382.22 m² 46.24%
 TOTAL SITE GARDEN AREA: 371.44 m² 44.91%
 TOTAL HARD SURFACE: 86.75 m² 10.5%

Area Analysis

Name	Area	Percentage
CARPOT DRIVEWAY	11.10 m ²	1.34%
DRIVEWAY LANDSCAPE	2.22 m ²	0.27%
EXISTING DWELLING PERMEABLE SURFACE	151.65 m ²	18.35%
EXISTING DWELLING S.P.O.S	56.39 m ²	6.82%
EXISTING DWELLING SITE COVERAGE	129.17 m ²	15.63%
PROP. CARPORT COVERAGE	33.00 m ²	3.99%
UNIT1 DRIVEWAY	21.13 m ²	2.56%
UNIT1 FRONT	36.11 m ²	4.37%
UNIT1 S.P.O.S	31.64 m ²	3.83%
UNIT1 SIDE	14.73 m ²	1.78%
UNIT1 SITE COVERAGE	110.52 m ²	13.37%
UNIT1 TOPPING	7.94 m ²	0.96%
UNIT2 DRIVEWAY	19.32 m ²	2.34%
UNIT2 FRONT	37.16 m ²	4.50%
UNIT2 S.P.O.S	31.77 m ²	3.84%
UNIT2 SIDE	15.27 m ²	1.85%
UNIT2 SITE COVERAGE	109.53 m ²	13.25%
UNIT2 TOPPING	7.94 m ²	0.96%
TOTAL	926.60 m ²	

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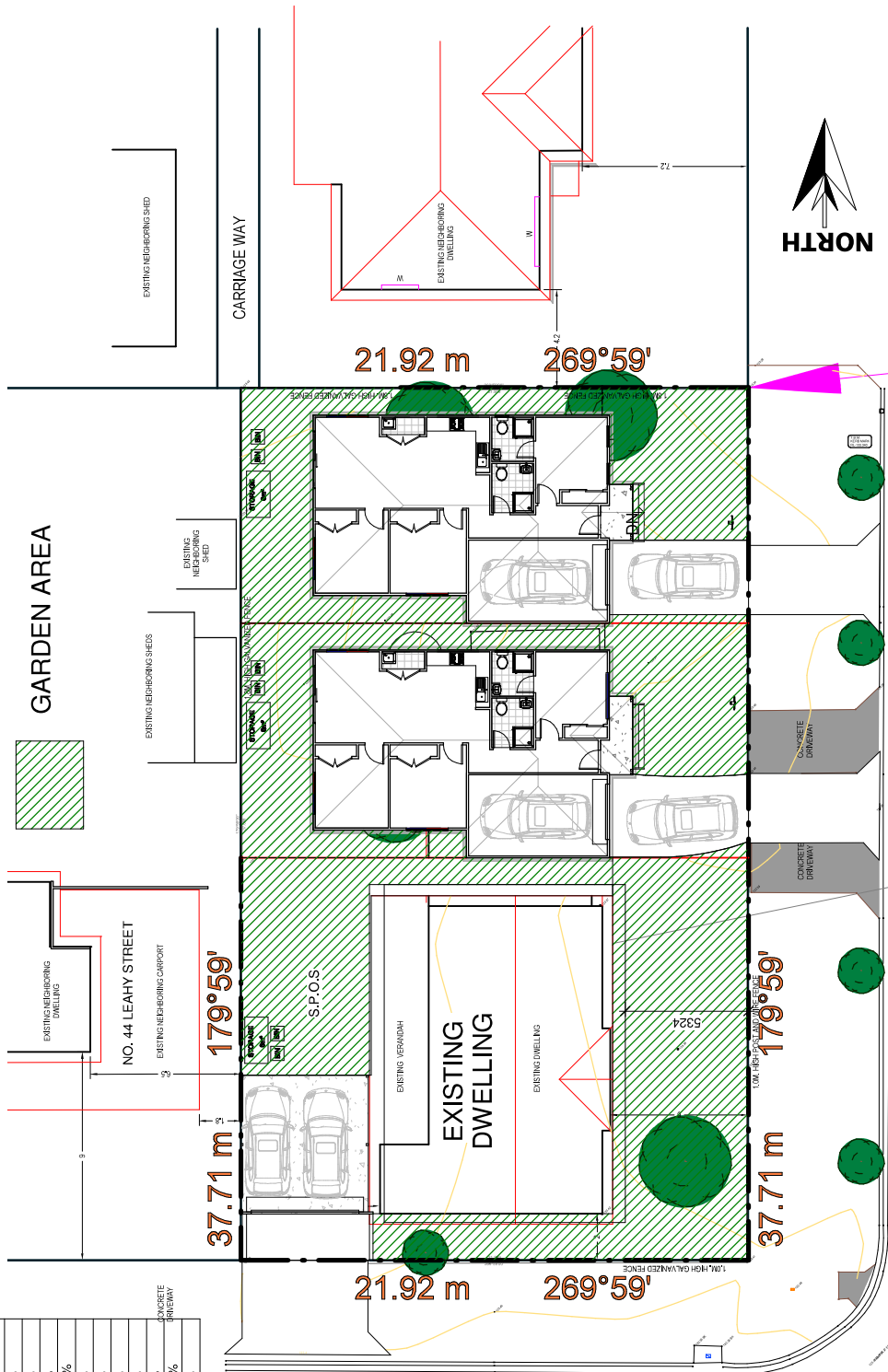
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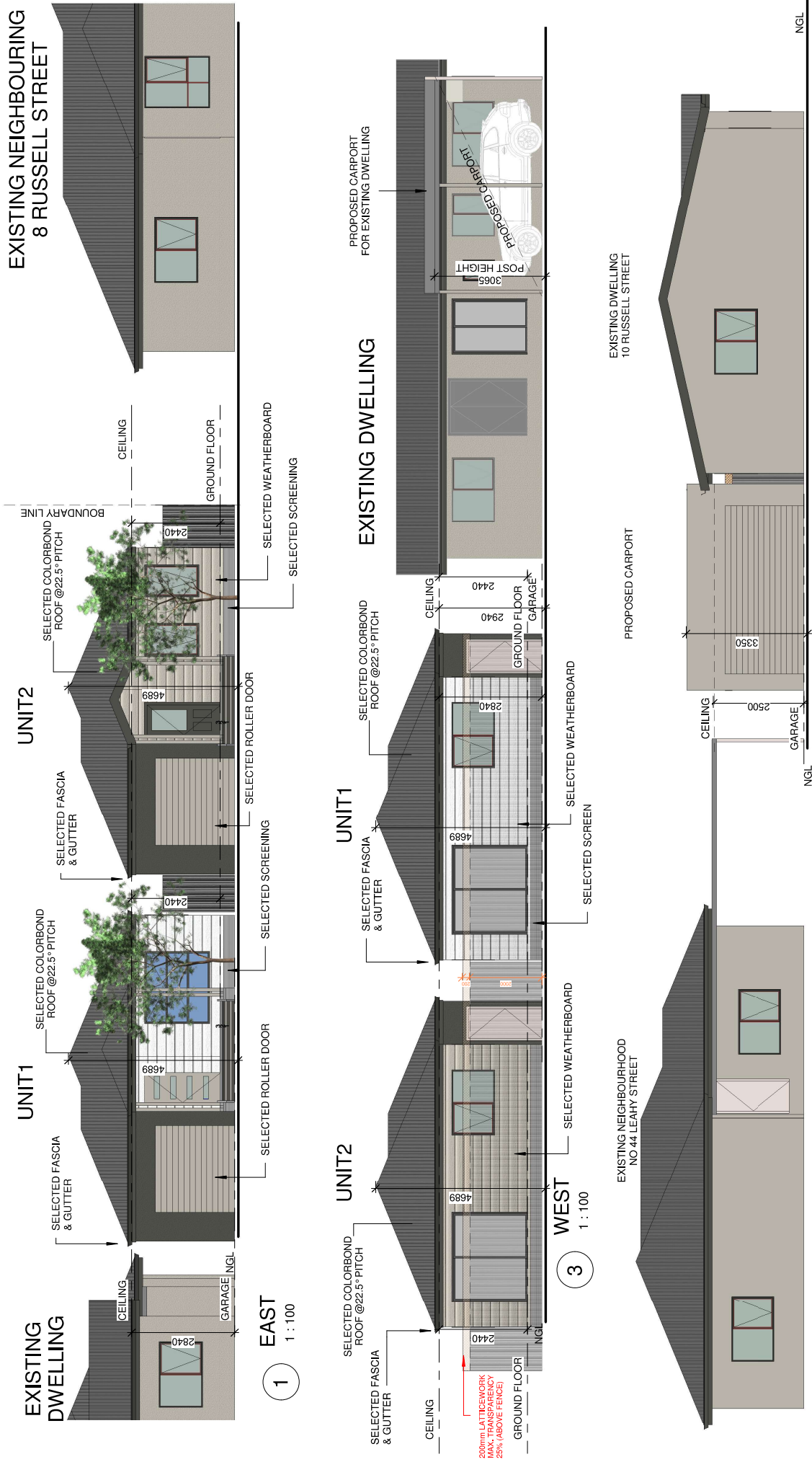


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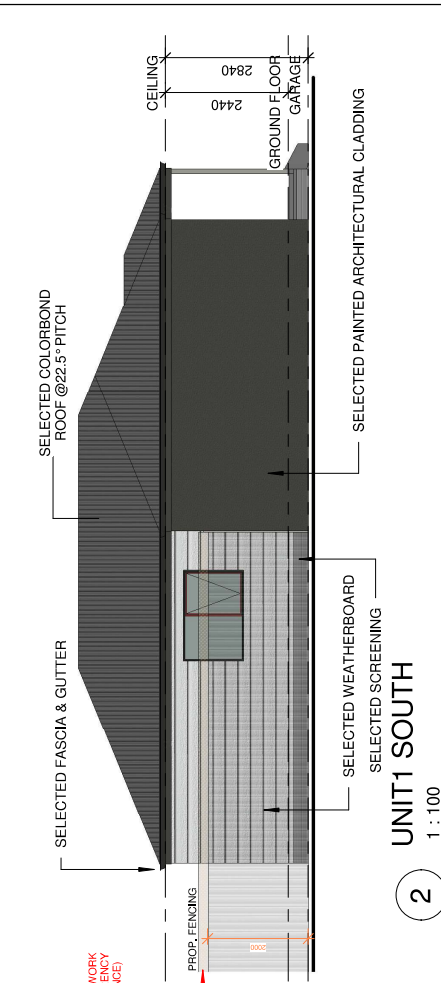


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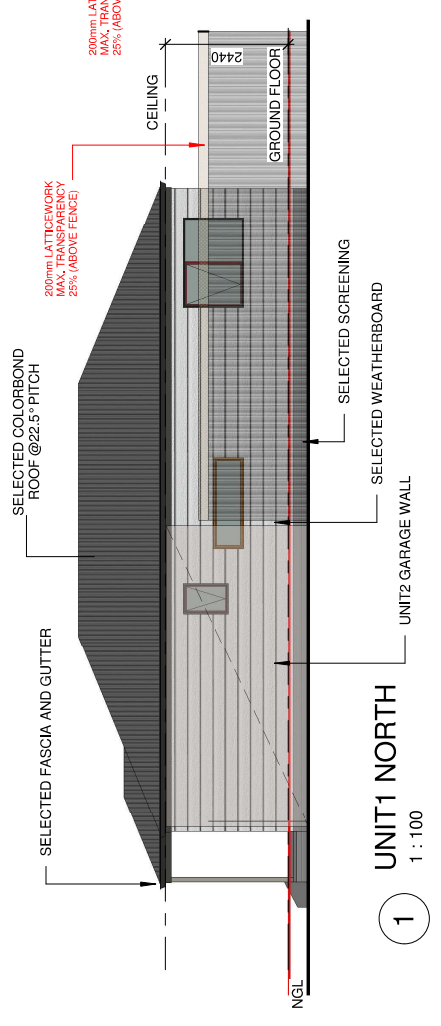
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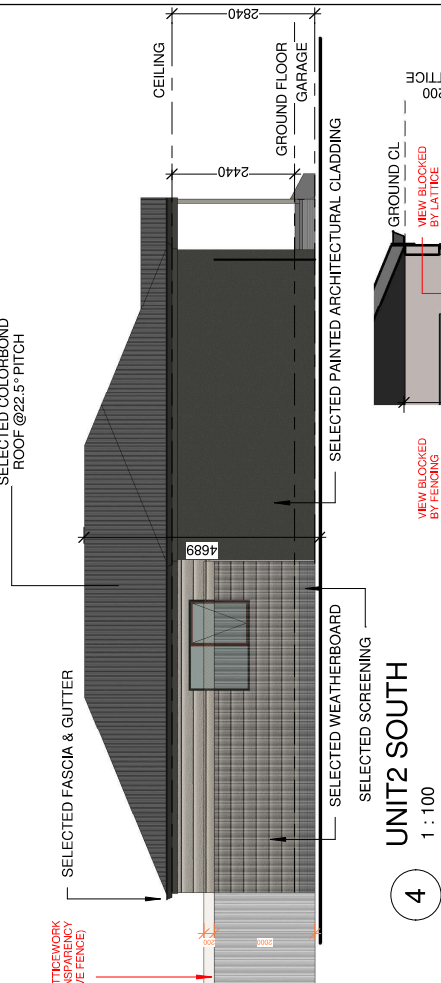
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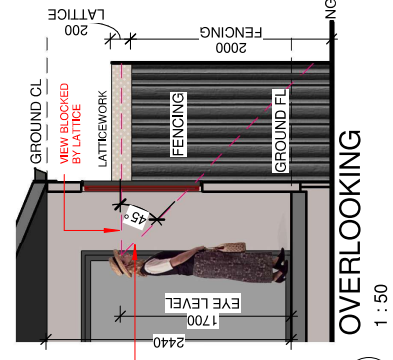
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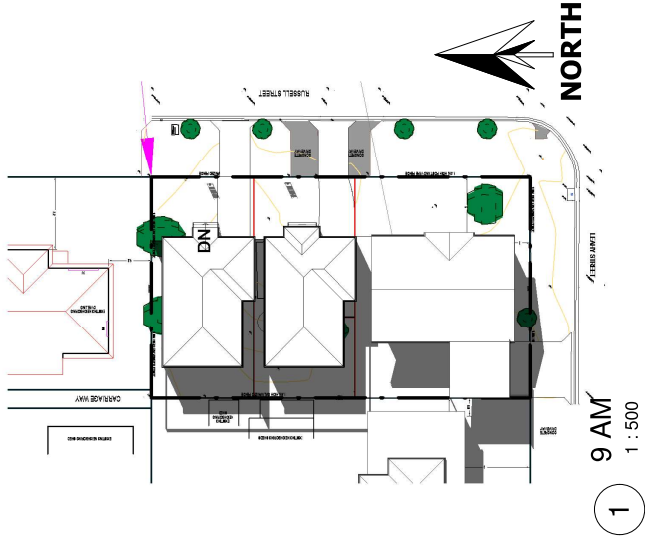
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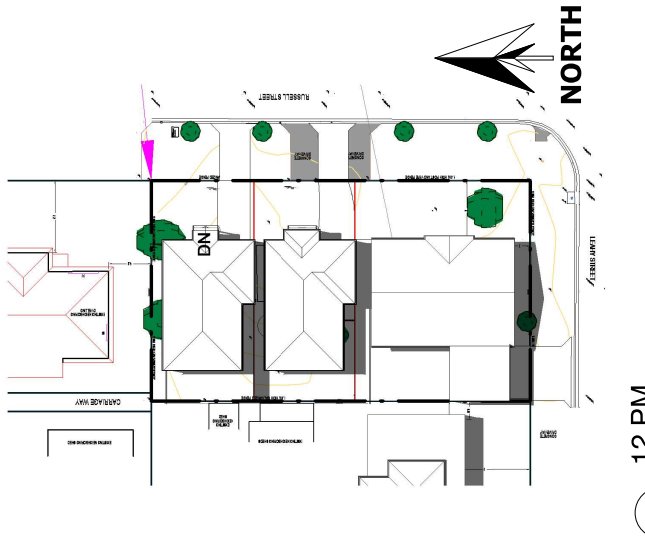


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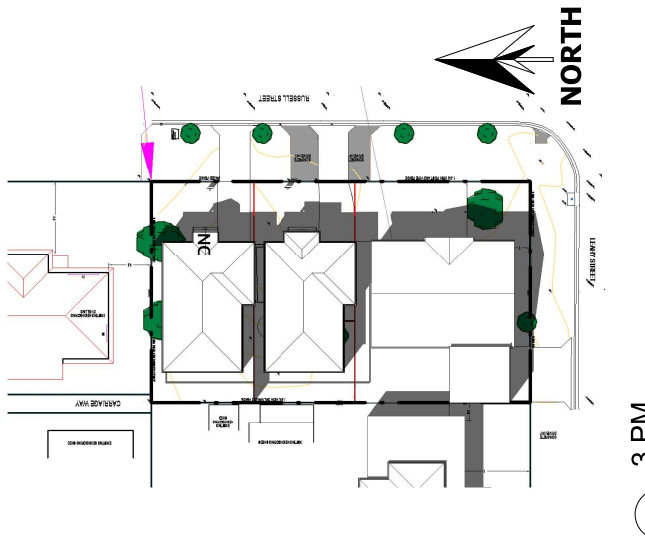
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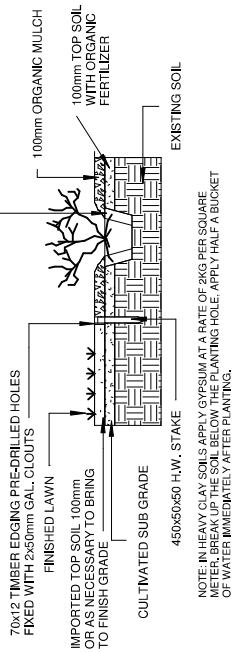
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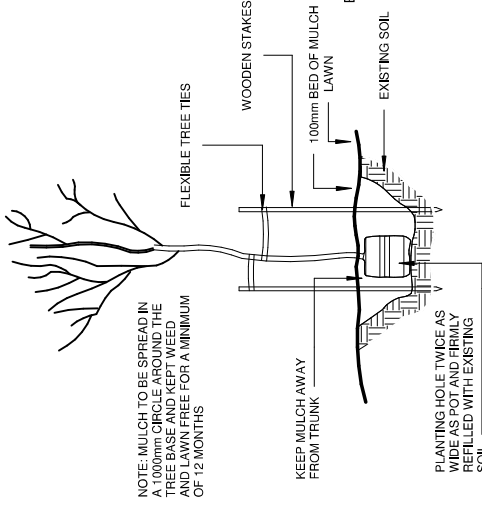
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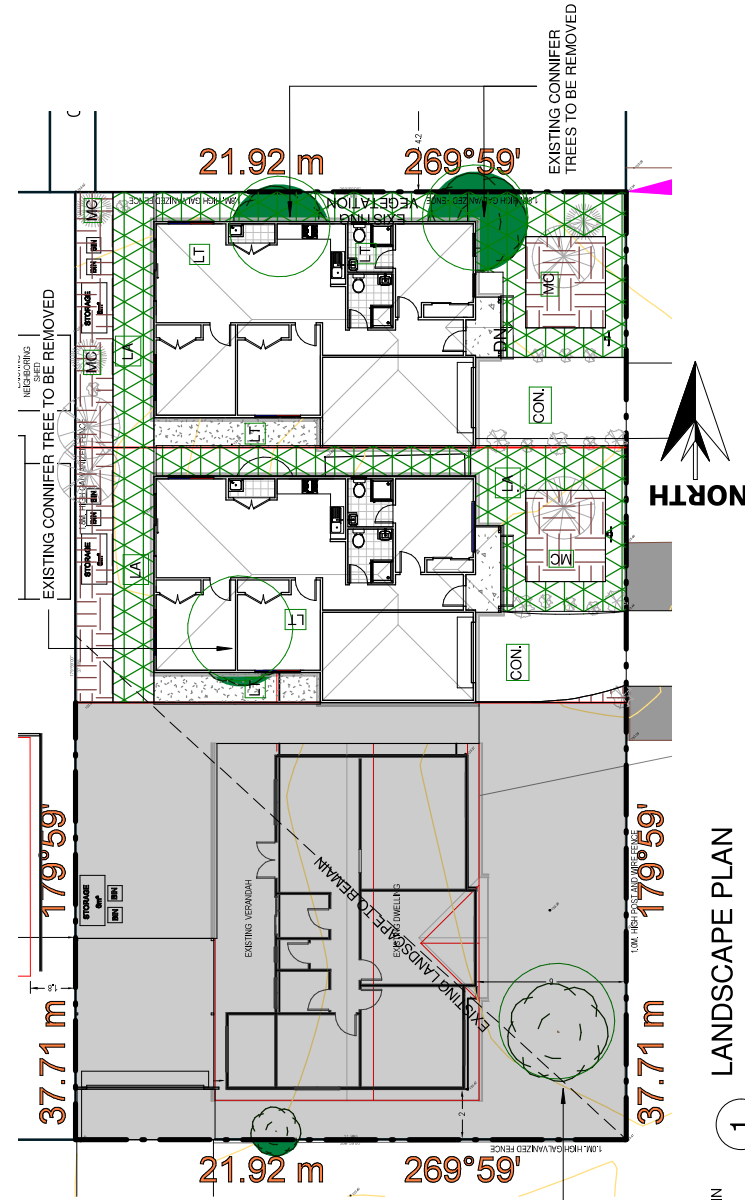
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TREE PLANTING IN LAWN



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	LAWN	LA
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LANDSCAPE PLAN

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PLANT NAME	COMMON NAME	MATURE HEIGHT	POT SIZE	QUANTITY
	DIANELLA LONGIFOLIA	500 mm	150	16
	HOP GOODENIA	1000 mm	150	3
	JAMES STERLING	1600 mm	150	3
	Willow myrtle	5000 mm	50	4

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Attachment 2

Clause 55 Assessment – PA1703-2021 - 10 Russell Street, Nhill

Neighbourhood Character Clause 55.02

Clause & Objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
Clause 55.02-1 - Neighbourhood character objectives -Standard B1	Yes – Single storey dwellings with design and scale generally in keeping with the character of the area.	Yes
Clause 55.02-2 - Residential policy objectives -Standard B2	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.02-3 - Dwelling diversity objective - Standard B3	N/A – relates to developments of ten or more dwellings	N/A
Clause 55.02-4 - Infrastructure objectives - Standard B4	Yes – subject to conditions for utility services and crossovers to be constructed	Yes
Clause 55.02-5 - Integration with the street objective Standard B5	Yes – dwellings orientated to Russell Street and no front fencing	Yes

Site Layout and Building Massing Clause 55.03

Clause & Objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
Clause 55.03-1 - Street setback objective - Standard B6	Yes – Proposed 6.0m setback of front wall of the two new dwellings and 5.0m setback of the open front porches from east boundary to Russell Street are acceptable. Proposed 2.0m setback of double carport from south boundary to Leahy Street matches the side setback of the existing dwelling and is acceptable.	Yes
Clause 55.03-2 - Building height Objective - Standard B7	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.03-3 - Site coverage objective - Standard B8	Yes – site coverage 46.2% approx.	Yes
Clause 55.03-4 - Permeability objectives - Standard B9	Yes – permeability – 43.1% approx.	Yes
Clause 55.03-5 - Energy efficiency objectives - Standard B10	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.03-6 - Open space objective - Standard B11	N/A – no public or communal open space adjacent to the site	N/A
Clause 55.03-7 - Safety objective - Standard B12	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.03-8 - Landscaping objectives - Standard B13	Yes – Landscaping proposed on landscape plan includes four new trees and is acceptable.	Yes
Clause 55.03-9 - Access objectives - Standard B14	Yes – new crossovers are required to be constructed and conditions required	Yes
Clause 55.03-10 - Parking location objectives - Standard B15	Yes	Yes

Amenity Impacts Clause 55.04

Clause & Objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
Clause 55.04-1 - Side and rear setbacks objective - Standard B17	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.04-2 - Walls on boundaries Objective - Standard B18	Yes – there are no proposed walls on the external boundaries of the site. One side of the external walls of the new single garages for	Yes

Clause & Objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
	Unit 1 and Unit 2 will be located on the new lot boundaries between Lots 1 and 2 and between Lots 2 and 3 on the site.	
Clause 55.04-3 - Daylight to existing windows objective - Standard B19	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.04-4 - North facing windows objective - Standard B20	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.04-5 - Overshadowing open space objective - Standard B21	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.04-6 - Overlooking objective - Standard B22	Yes – Proposed 2.0m high Colorbond fence and 200mm trellis screening above to prevent any overlooking to the north and west. No overlooking concerns.	Yes
Clause 55.04-7 - Internal views objective - Standard B23	Yes – internal views prevented by the proposed 2.0m high Colorbond fences and 200mm trellis screening above.	Yes
Clause 55.04-8 - Noise impacts objectives - Standard B24	Yes	Yes

On-Site Amenity and Facilities Clause 55.05

Clause & Objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
Clause 55.05-1 - Accessibility objective - Standard B25	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.05-2 - Dwelling entry objective - Standard B26	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.05-3 - Daylight to new windows objective - Standard B27	Yes	Yes
Clause 55.05-4 - Private open space objective - Standard B28	Yes – The secluded open space areas for all three dwellings exceeds 25m ² with a minimum width of 3m. The total private open space is approximately 140m ² for the existing dwelling, 67.6m ² for Unit 1 and 68.7m ² for Unit 2. The total of private open space area for the four dwellings exceeds the requirements.	Yes
Clause 55.05-5 - Solar access to open space objective – Standard B29	Yes – north and west facing living areas. Solar access generally acceptable.	Yes
Clause 55.05-6 - Storage objective - Standard B30	Yes – 6m ³ external storage sheds proposed.	Yes

Detailed Design Clause 55.06

Clause & Objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
Clause 55.06-1 - Design detail objective - Standard B31	Yes – design detail is in keeping with the character of the area.	Yes
Clause 55.06-2 - Front fences objective - Standard B32	N/A – No front fences proposed.	N/A
Clause 55.06-3 - Common property objectives - Standard B33	N/A	N/A
Clause 55.06-4 - Site services objectives - Standard B34	Yes – Conditions required for services to be connected.	Yes

Attachment 3

Clause 56 Assessment – 32 Rockley Street, Nhill

Clause 56.02 – Policy Implementation

Clause & objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
Clause 56.02-1 Strategic implementation objective – Standard C1	N/A	N/A

Clause 56.03 – Liveable and Sustainable Communities

Clause & objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
Clause 56.03-1 Compact and walkable neighbourhoods objectives – Standard C2	N/A	N/A
Clause 56.03-2 – Activity Centre objective – Standard C3	N/A	N/A
Clause 56.03-3 – Planning for community facilities objective – Standard C4	N/A	N/A
Clause 56.03-4 Built Environment Objective – Standard C5	N/A	N/A
Clause 56.03-5 Neighbourhood character objective – Standard C6	Yes – the subdivision is linked to the development and will create smaller lots than prevailing lot sizes in the area, but will adequately respect the existing neighbourhood character	Yes

Clause 56.04 Lot Design

Clause & objective	Standard Met	Objectives Met
Clause 56.04-1 Lot diversity and distribution objectives- Standard C7	Yes – higher lot density for proposed Lot 2 and Lot 3	Yes
Clause 56.04-2 Lot area and building envelopes objective – Standard C8	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.04-3 Solar orientation of lots objectives – Standard C9	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.04-4 Street orientation objective – Standard C10		Yes

	Yes – all three proposed lots will be orientated to Russell Street	
Clause 56.04-5 Common area objectives – Standard C11	N/A	N/A

Clause 55.05 Urban Landscape

Clause & objective	Standard Met	Objective Met
Clause 56.05-1 Integrated urban landscape objectives – Standard C12	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.05-2 Public open space provision objectives – Standard C13	N/A	N/A

Clause 56.06 Access and Mobility Management

Clause & objective	Standard Met	Objective Met
Clause 56.06-1 Integrated mobility objectives – Standard C14	N/A	N/A
Clause 56.06-2 Walking and cycling network objectives – Standard C15	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.06-3 Public transport network objectives – Standard C16	N/A	N/A
Clause 56.06-4 Neighbourhood street network objective – Standard C17	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.06-5 Walking and cycling network detail objectives – Standard C18	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.06-6 Public transport network detail objectives – Standard C19	N/A	N/A
Clause 56.06-7 Neighbourhood street network detail objective – Standard C20	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.06-8 Lot access objective – Standard C21	Yes – new crossovers to be constructed to Council standards	Yes

Clause 56.07 Integrated Water Management

Clause & objective	Standard Met	Objective Met
Clause 56.07-1 Drinking water supply objective – Standard C22	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.07-2 Reused and recycled water objective – Standard C23	Not proposed	Not proposed
Clause 56.07-3 Waste water management objective – Standard C24	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.07-4 Stormwater management objectives - Standard C25	Yes	Yes

Clause 56.08 Site Management

Clause & objective	Standard Met	Objective Met
Clause 56.08-1 Site management objectives – Standard C26	Yes	Yes

Clause 56.09 Utilities

Clause & objective	Standard Met	Objective Met
Clause 56.09-1 Shared trenching objectives – Standard C27	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.09-2 Electricity, telecommunications and gas objectives – Standard C28	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.09-3 Fire Hydrants objective – Standard C29	Yes	Yes
Clause 56.09-4 Public lighting objective – Standard C30	Yes	Yes

POLICY



Advisory Committee Policy

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- support Council in ensuring good governance and appropriate management of Advisory Committees;
- outline how Advisory Committees can be formed,
- outline how such Committees are to be governed; and
- specify limits of an Advisory Committees power.

This policy ensure that the management of Advisory Committees is in accordance with the Act and meets the Act's principles of:

- achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community;
- engaging the municipal community in strategic planning and strategic decision making; and
- ensuring public transparency.

2 Scope

This policy applies to all members of Advisory Committees, Councillors and employees responsible for Advisory Committees.

3 Definitions

Council	means Hindmarsh Shire Council
Act	means <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>
Advisory Committee	means an Advisory Committee established under this policy
Advisory Committee Meeting	means a Meeting of an Advisory Committee
Advisory Committee Report	means a formal report produced by an Advisory Committee
Committee Meeting	means a meeting of an Advisory Committee
Quorum	means the absolute majority of members present at the meeting and must include at least one Councillor.
External independent members	means people who are not Councillors or Council Officers.

4 Responsibility

Director Corporate and Community Services

5 Formation of an Advisory Committee

The formation of, appointment to, and administration of an Advisory Committees is subject to input from the Council.

Advisory Committees must be formed (and rescinded) by Council Resolution, and the Terms of Reference (ToR), and membership must also be endorsed by Council.

6 Powers and functions of an Advisory Committee

Advisory Committees do not have any executive, financial or delegated powers. Advisory Committees do not have the power to sub-delegate or form sub-committees without the approval of Council. Advisory Committees may establish Working Groups for specific events or projects.

The role of an Advisory Committee generally is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its Terms of Reference in order to facilitate decision making by Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.

An Advisory Committee can offer specialised advice and assistance with research on issues of interest to Council and the Community.

7 Advisory Committee Governance

Advisory Committees are subject to a Terms of Reference (ToR). Council has a standard ToR which may be amended slightly, but must be adopted at the time the Committee is formed and/or reviewed at the commencement of each Council Term.

Advisory Committees are assigned to the responsible member of Council's Management Team, to ensure that the ToR are met, to provide guidance on administrative matters and to ensure that the Committee functions appropriately and in accordance with Council's Governance Rules. The Manager is not a voting member of the Advisory Committee and has no delegated authority.

The staff liaison for an advisory committee will always be a member of Council's Senior Management Team, unless otherwise authorised by the CEO in writing. The CEO may also elect to assign more than one responsible staff member to an Advisory Committee.

Council must review, within the period of 6 months after a general election, all Advisory Committees and Advisory Committee membership.

8 Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda's and Minutes

The agendas and minutes of all Advisory Committee Meetings will be completed in the appropriate Corporate Template, as prescribed by the CEO and forwarded to Council in a timely manner.

9 Membership

All Advisory Committees must have a minimum of five members, comprising of:

- a minimum of one Councillor; and
- a minimum of four external independent members.

Advisory Committee memberships will be capped at eleven, being a minimum of one Councillors, and a minimum of four external independent members. Any Committees currently in existence that exceed this membership limit may continue to operate, but as members vacate the positions, they will not be replaced to allow the Committee to transition to the recommended membership.

Membership should aim to be equitable in gender, diversity and include local indigenous representation wherever possible.

Any community member may become a member of an Advisory Committee if appointed by Council (or the CEO pursuant to the ToR), and any such member will have the same entitlement to participate as a Councillor. Weight will be given to ensuring diversity of membership and skills on an Advisory Committee.

All Advisory Committees will have an elected Chairperson, and will where necessary, have the casting vote.

Where appropriate, representatives of peak external bodies may be required by members of Advisory Committees, and where this is applicable, it will be written into the Terms of Reference.

Advisory Committee meetings will be included in the Councillor's Calendar. Any Councillor is able to attend a meeting of any Advisory Committee. Only Councillors who are appointed to the Advisory Committee may vote.

If the Councillor appointed to an Advisory Committee is unable to attend a meeting, they can nominate another Councillor to attend the meeting on their behalf.

9.1 Appointment of Councillors to Advisory Committees

Councillors will be appointed to Advisory Committees during the Annual Statutory meeting in November of each year.

9.2 Appointment of community representatives to Advisory Committees

Community representatives will be appointed to Council through an expression of interest and selection process.

- Expressions of interest will be sought by public notice in the local media and on Hindmarsh Shire Council's website in October of each year.
- Council will appoint the committee members to the Advisory Committee during the December Council Meeting.
- Every effort should be made to ensure a representative cross section of people from the relevant area are elected to serve on the Advisory Committee.
- Appointment to Advisory Committees will be based on the membership criteria outline in the relevant Terms of Reference.
- Appointment to an Advisory Committee will be for a period of one (1) year.
- A member of an Advisory Committee is able to resign at any time.

9.3 Executive

The executive composition of the Committee is to be elected at the first Advisory Committee Meeting in a calendar year.

The executive composition of the Committee will be:

- Chairperson;
- Secretary; and
- up to 2 other office bearers as determined by the Advisory Committee.

9.3.1 Role of the Chairperson

The role of the Chairperson is to:

- chair all meetings;
- be the spokesperson of the Advisory Committee (a spokesperson for specific projects may be delegated by the chairperson to another committee member);
- moderate committee meetings; and
- promote behaviour in line with clause 13 – Code of Conduct.

10 Advisory committee meetings

The following rules apply to Advisory Committee:

- A quorum of the Committee will be half the members plus one and must include at least one Councillor.
- Voting will be by a majority of votes by a show of hands.
- Only Committee members in attendance are entitled to vote.
- The chairperson shall have the casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

11 Conflict of interest

Any member who has a conflict of interest in their role as a member of an Advisory Committee must:

- Disclose the conflict of interest before the item is raised during the meeting; and
- Exclude themselves from the discussion in relation to that matter, including any vote on the matter and any action in relation to the matter.

11.1 What is a conflict of interest?

There are two types of conflicts of interest: **general** conflict of interest and **material** conflict of interest.

A general conflict of interest is where an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that your private interests could result in you acting in a manner that is contrary to your public duty.

This could include instances where:

- you are a member of a local sporting club and the committee is considering a matter that affects the local sporting club; or
- your closest friend provides a quotation for the committee to consider.

A material conflict of interest is if you would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

This could include instances where:

- your partner's business submits a quote to be the DJ at a committee event; or
- you submit a quote to undertake the design of the committee's logo.

For more information on general and material conflicts of interest please see Council's Conflict of Interest Policy or speak to Council's Governance Manager.

12 Confidential information

Committee members must not disclose information that they know, or should reasonably have known is confidential information.

Committee members have an obligation to not disclose any materials or information that is not publically available unless approved by the Chairperson or a representative of Hindmarsh Shire Council.

Committee members should be mindful of their obligations under the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 regarding the use or disclosure of information.

13 Code of conduct

Advisory committee members must:

- act with integrity;
- impartially exercise their responsibilities in the interests of the local community;
- not improperly seek to confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including themselves;
- treat all persons with respect and have due regard to the opinions, beliefs, rights and responsibilities of Councillors, Advisory Committee members and officers;
- commit to providing a safe, inclusive and productive environment free from discrimination, harassment and bullying by not engaging in behaviour that is intimidating or that may constitute discrimination, harassment or bullying;
- take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others; and
- commit to regular attendance at meetings.

Any breaches of this code of conduct may result in termination of membership.

14 Media

Contact with the media by Advisory Committee members will be conducted in accordance with Hindmarsh Shire Council's Media Policy.

Committee members should defer media enquiries to the Chairperson in the first instance and should take care not to respond as a representative of the Advisory Committee.

15 Financial management

Any financial management relating to an Advisory Committee will be completed by Hindmarsh Shire Council Officers.

15.1 Spending

Any decisions to spend money must be approved at the Advisory Committee meeting and noted in the minutes, with expenditure over the Advisory Committee's delegation requiring approval by Council. An Advisory Committee member is not guaranteed reimbursement if they spend their own money for a committee event or activity without having approval from the Committee or Council (if applicable).

15.2 Receiving money

Whenever an Advisory Committee receives money, a receipt should be issued. A carbon duplicate book should be used to record all receipts, unless an electronic receipt can be issued.

There may be times when issuing a receipt is not feasible. For example if the Advisory Committee is organising a fundraising event or calculating entry fees, it would be impractical to write out a receipt for every person. Two members of the Committee should be responsible for collecting and counting the money. All money is to be taken to a Council customer service centre for receipting accompanied by signed supporting documentation. A receipt will be provided by Council upon receipt of the money to the customer service centre.

Any money collected should be handed over to Hindmarsh Shire Council as soon as reasonably practicable, but within 5 business days.

16 Fundraising

Where an Advisory Committee wishes to fundraise for an event or a town improvement activity they should complete a request for fundraising form and submit it to info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au. The request will then be considered by the CEO.

Fundraising should be undertaken for a specific purpose so that people know where their money is going and what it is going to be used for.

Any fundraising undertaken by an Advisory Committee can only be undertaken where it has been approved by the CEO.

17 Sponsorship

Where an Advisory Committee wishes to enter into a sponsorship agreement with a business for an event they are running, it should be referred to the staff liaison so a sponsorship agreement will be drafted.

18 Non-financial donations

Non-financial donations should not be accepted by an Advisory without approval from the CEO.

19 Volunteering

All volunteers of an Advisory Committee should be registered with Council as a volunteer.

20 Events

Where an Advisory Committee wishes to run an event, an Intention to Hold and Event Form needs to be completed 6 weeks before the event and submitted to Council for approval. This helps Council to determine whether any permits or requirements are needed such as:

- **Local laws** – road closures, traffic management, permission for public land access, alcohol consumption
- **Planning** – permits to hold an event on private land
- **Environmental health** – temporary food permits
- **Building** – permits for temporary structures such as fencing, stages and marquees
- **Maintenance** – servicing of public toilets
- **Risk and safety** – event management plan, risk assessment

21 Incident reporting

If an incident occurs at an Advisory Committee run event, activity or meeting, the delegated Council Officer should be advised immediately so that the incident can be logged.

22 Monitoring and review

Council is committed to monitoring the overall level of success of the policy’s implementation. A periodic review of this policy will be undertaken to ensure its relevance aligns with the public interest. As a minimum, a review will occur in line with a new Council Term.

However, a Council can amend its policy at any time. The formation of any future Advisory Committees will require a decision of Council; therefore it is likely that this policy would be reviewed and adopted by Council at this time.

23 References

Related documents	Legislation
<i>Governance Rules</i>	<i>Local Government Act 2020</i>
<i>Public Transparency Policy</i>	<i>Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006,</i>
<i>Community Engagement Policy</i>	<i>Equal Opportunity Act 2010.</i>
<i>Advisory Committee Standard Terms of Reference</i>	<i>Freedom of Information Act 1982,</i>
<i>Fundraising request form</i>	<i>Local Government Act 1989,</i>
	<i>Local Government Act 2020, and</i>
	<i>Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014</i>

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

XX TOWN COMMITTEE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

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1 Background

- 1.1 By this Terms of Reference document, Hindmarsh Shire Council (**Council**) establishes the XX Town Committee.
- 1.2 Council will establish from time to time various Advisory Committees. The purpose of such committees is to provide advice to Council with expertise in relevant matters to assist its decision making for the Hindmarsh Community.
- 1.3 The Committee has functions and responsibilities as set out in this Terms of Reference document. The Terms of Reference document sets out the structure and basis on which the Committee can make recommendations to Council.
- 1.4 This Terms of Reference document is authorised by a resolution of Council passed on *[insert date]*.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the XX Town Committee (**Committee**) is to:
 - 2.1.1 provide leadership in the promotion of XX and district, the improvement of the community's liveability and its economic development, liaising with sporting clubs, community organisations and businesses to identify and help coordinate any such opportunities
 - 2.1.2 advise Council of necessary service delivery and infrastructure improvements in its community, and to prioritise such requests and submit them in early December of each year for consideration in Council's budget
 - 2.1.3 provide a means of effective and efficient communication between Council and the community
 - 2.1.4 provide feedback and comments on matters referred by Council or other matters brought to the Committee's attention;
 - 2.1.5 facilitate local activities and events, including welcome functions for new residents;
 - 2.1.6 provide advice to Council as to how the funds of the XX Town Committee are expended.

3 Role of the Committee

- 3.1 The role of the Committee is to:
 - 3.1.1 to establish clearer lines of communication between Council and residents to support future development and operational activities in Nhill/Jeparit/Dimboola/Rainbow.

4 Town Committee Finances

- 4.1 Council will hold the funds of the XX Town Committee.
- 4.2 Decisions to spend the funds will be made by Council on the advice of the XX Town Committee.
- 4.3 Funds remaining in the XX Town Committee's ledger at the end of each financial year will rollover into the following financial year's accounts for the XX Town Committee.

5 Membership

- 5.1 The Committee will consist of a minimum of five up to eleven members comprising of:
 - 5.1.1 One Councillor nominated by council;
 - 5.1.2 Up to ten members of the [Nhill/Jeparit/Dimboola/Rainbow] community appointed by council after seeking expressions of interest from the community.
- 5.2 The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) shall appoint a Council Officer to provide governance advice and approve purchasing recommendations, within limits determined by the CEO.
- 5.3 A Council Officer appointed under 5.2 is not considered a member of the Committee and does not have voting rights.
- 5.4 Each member of the Committee has and may exercise one equal vote on any question before the Committee for determination.
- 5.5 Councillors, other than a Councillor appointed under clause 5.1.1, who attend a meeting are not to be classed as members of the Committee and do not have voting rights.
- 5.6 Membership is for a period of one (1) years.
- 5.7 Any Councillor can attend meetings of the Committee as an observer.
- 5.8 Appointment to the Committee may be decided by factors such as suitability, experience, expertise, and with a view to ensuring a diverse and well balanced Committee.
- 5.9 People wishing to serve as an external independent member may nominate for successive terms without restriction.
- 5.10 Members of an Advisory Committee must abide by the Advisory Committee Policy specifically clause 13 – code of conduct.
- 5.11 Disqualification of a member:
 - 5.11.1 If the Council proposes to remove a member from the Committee, it must give written notice to the member of its intention to do so and provide that member with the opportunity to be heard if that member so requests.
- 5.12 If the Councillor appointed under 5.1.1 cannot attend an Advisory Committee Meeting they can nominate another Councillor to attend the meeting on their behalf.

6 Appointment of community representatives to Advisory Committees

- 6.1 Community representatives will be appointed to Council through an expression of interest and selection process.
- 6.2 Expressions of interest will be sought by public notice in the local media and on Hindmarsh Shire Council's website in October of each year.
- 6.3 Council will appoint the committee members to the Advisory Committee during the December Council Meeting.
- 6.4 Every effort should be made to ensure a representative cross section of people from the relevant area are elected to serve on the Advisory Committee.
- 6.5 Appointment to an Advisory Committee will be for a period of one (1) year.
- 6.6 A member of an Advisory Committee is able to resign at any time.

7 Executive

- 7.1 The executive composition of the Committee will be:

7.1.1 Chairperson;

7.1.2 Secretary

7.1.3 up to 2 other office bearers as determined by the committee.

7.2 The executive composition of the Committee is to be elected at the first Advisory Committee Meeting in a calendar year.

Explanatory note 5.1.3 The 2 other office bearers are up to the discretion of each Committee. For example, a Deputy Chairperson may be elected.

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8 Election of Chairperson

- 8.1 The Committee must elect a Chairperson at the first Advisory Committee Meeting in a calendar year.
- 8.2 The election of a Chairperson must be chaired by the Councillor or a council officer.
- 8.3 The Councillor or Council Officer will invite nominations for Chairperson.
- 8.4 Every nomination for Chairperson will require a seconder.
- 8.5 Voting must be done by show of hands.
- 8.6 The Chairperson must be elected by an absolute majority of the Committee.

8.7 Role of the Chairperson

- 8.7.1 The Chairperson will chair all meetings.
 - 8.7.2 The Chairperson is the authorised spokesperson for the Committee.
- 8.8 If the Chairperson is absent from a Committee meeting, the Committee will elect a temporary Chairperson to chair the Committee meeting.

9 Election of secretary

- 9.1 The Committee must elect a Secretary at the first Advisory Committee Meeting in a calendar year.
- 9.2 The Councillor or Council Officer will invite nominations for Chairperson
- 9.3 Every nomination for Secretary will require a seconder.
- 9.4 Voting must be done by show of hands.
- 9.5 The Secretary must be elected by an absolute majority of the Committee.

9.6 Role of Secretary

- 9.6.1 The Secretary will be responsible for preparing the Agenda for the meetings and taking full and accurate minutes of the meetings.
- 9.6.2 The Secretary is responsible for distributing the minutes of the Committee Meeting within the required time frame.

10 Agenda

- 10.1 For an item to be listed on the Agenda, the Secretary must be notified seven days prior to the meeting.
- 10.2 The Agenda is to be circulated to all Committee members five days prior to the meeting.
- 10.3 The Committee will not discuss any matter which has not been listed on the Agenda.
- 10.4 The Agenda must follow the format outline in Schedule 1.
- 10.5 Urgent business
 - 10.5.1 Urgent Business may be admitted for consideration at a Committee Meeting by resolution of the Committee Meeting.
 - 10.5.2 Prior to a vote being taken on whether to admit business as an item of Urgent Business, the Committee Member proposing such admission must outline the subject of the business to the Meeting
 - 10.5.3 The following matters are not capable of becoming items of Urgent Business:

10.5.3.1 the commitment of funds, or in kind contributions, for any purpose exceeding \$100.

11 Meetings

- 11.1 Unless Council resolves otherwise, Committee meetings must be conducted in accordance with these Terms of Reference.
- 11.2 The Committee will meet a minimum of 10 times per year.
- 11.3 A quorum of the Committee will be half the members plus one and must include one Councillor.
- 11.4 Voting will be by a majority of votes by a show of hands.
- 11.5 Only Committee members in attendance are entitled to vote.
- 11.6 The chairperson shall have the casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.
- 11.7 Working Groups may be formed by the Committee and may meet between general meetings and as authorised by the Committee.

12 Resolutions

- 12.1 Resolutions that are made by the Committee become advice to Council which can be approved or denied.
- 12.2 Resolutions should read as follows and as applicable to the resolution:
 - 12.2.1 *The Committee recommends that Council take the decision to spend \$XX on XXX; OR*
 - 12.2.2 *The Committee recommends that Council take the decision to approve the [event] as a Council event.*

13 Role of the Council Officer

- 13.1 The role of the Council Officer appointed under clause 4.2 includes:
 - 13.1.1 maintaining a Register of Committee members, their date of appointment, reappointment and official positions (if any) held as a Committee member;
 - 13.1.2 advising Committee members of term completion dates and their eligibility for reappointment as relevant;
 - 13.1.3 acting as contact point between Council and the Committee;
 - 13.1.4 assisting with meeting the Committee's reporting requirements;
 - 13.1.5 making decisions on expenditure up to \$2,000.00 based on advice provided by the Committee;
 - 13.1.6 maintaining a finance report.

14 Reporting

- 14.1 The Committee is responsible for taking proper minutes of all meetings and preparing reports for the Committee's consideration in accordance with:
 - 14.1.1 Council's Governance Rules (as amended from time to time and adopted by Council).

- 14.2 Minutes are to be forwarded to s86@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au within one week of the meeting to be tabled at the following Council meeting.
- 14.3 The Committee must prepare and present to Council a report of its activities upon being required to do so by Council and in any event at least once per year.

15 Creation and dissolution

15.1 By the Terms of Reference, the Committee:

15.1.1 is established; and

15.1.2 has the responsibilities as set out in the Terms of Reference.

15.2 These Terms of Reference:

15.2.1 come into force immediately the resolution of Council adopting them is made; and

15.2.2 remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.

15.3 The Committee may only be dissolved by Council.

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SCHEDULE 1 AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community;
2. Apologies;
3. Confirmation of minutes;
4. Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda;
5. Finance report;
6. Decisions to be made;
7. Correspondence;
8. General business as notified to the Chair;
9. Urgent business;
10. Meeting close.

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Hindmarsh Shire Council

Domestic Animal Management Plan

2021 – 2025

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of Domestic Animal Management Plan

The Domestic Animals Act 1994 (the Act) requires council to prepare a Domestic Animal Management Plan (**plan**) every four years.

The plan must set out a method for evaluating whether the animal management services provided by council are adequate to give effect to requirements of the Act and the Domestic Animal Regulations 2015.

The plan must also outline programs for the training of authorised officers along with programs, services and strategies to:

- ensure that people comply with the Act, the regulations and any related legislation; and
- minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals; and
- address any over-population and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats; and
- encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats; and
- minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance; and
- effectively identify all dangerous dogs, menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs in that district and to ensure that those dogs are kept in compliance with this Act and the regulations; and
- provide for the review of existing orders made under this Act and local laws that relate to the Council's municipal district with a view to determining whether further orders or local laws dealing with the management of dogs and cats in the municipal district are desirable; and
- provide for the review of any other matters related to the management of dogs and cats in the Council's municipal district that it thinks necessary; and
- provide for the periodic evaluation of any program, service, strategy or review outlined under the plan.

Council is also required to review and where appropriate amend the plan and publish an evaluation of the implementation of the plan in the Council annual report.

1.2 Process applied in developing the plan

This plan has been developed in reference to the relevant legislation and regulations and Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017 – 2021.

Council made the draft plan available to the Hindmarsh community, inviting submissions, from 5 August 2021 until 6 September 2021.

Council did not receive any submissions from the community.

1.3 Overarching objectives

The overarching objectives of this plan are to:



- 1. Promote and encourage responsible pet ownership in the Hindmarsh Shire Community***
- 2. Contribute to the health and wellbeing of pets and people in the Hindmarsh Shire Community***
- 3. Reduce domestic animal nuisance issues and dog attacks***

The Plan is based on the follow strategic directions for the delivery of Council's animal management services:

- Training of authorised officers
- Promoting and educating people about responsible pet ownership
- Addressing over population
- Registration and identification
- Nuisance
- Dog attacks
- Dangerous, menacing and restricted dogs
- Domestic animal businesses

1.4 Demographic and profile of Shire

The Shire of Hindmarsh is located in the Wimmera Region halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide and comprises 7,500 square kilometers and a population of 5,700. Our four main towns (Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow) are attractive and have a rich history dating back to the 19th century. The shire shares its boundaries with West Wimmera Shire Council, Yarriambiack Shire Council, Horsham Rural City Council and Mildura Rural City Council.

Recent years have seen an increase in residents from a culturally and linguistically diverse background, particularly in Nhill. Approximately 180 Karen have made their home in Nhill since Luv-a-duck initiated employment of five migrants in 2010.

On census night 2016, there were 2,848 males and 2,872 females in the Shire. There were 82 people of indigenous origin. The median age in Hindmarsh is 50 years compared with Australia's median of 38 years.

83.5% stated that they were Australian-born, compared to 8.2% born elsewhere. English was the only language spoken in 88.0% of homes, compared to 5.4% other languages of which

the most common were Karen (2.4% or 140 people), Malayalam (0.5%), Filipino, Dutch and German (all 0.2%).

1.5 Context and current situation

Description of current animal management and responsible pet ownership programs and services.

Programs / service	Service level
<i>Identification and registration</i>	Approximately 1,500 dogs and cats registered each year
<i>Identification and registration – door knock campaigns</i>	Hindmarsh Shire Council conducts a doorknocking campaign to identify animals that have not been registered.
<i>Domestic animal complaints</i>	A response will be provided within 2 days
<i>Dangerous dog complaints</i>	Same day response
<i>Routine street patrols</i>	Council routinely patrols the streets in Nhill, Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola
<i>Pound</i>	Council has a domestic animal pound
<i>After hours emergency service</i>	Council provides after hours emergency service 24/7.

1.6 Domestic animal statistics

	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
<i>Dogs registered</i>	1189	1187	1012
<i>Cats registered</i>	420	402	366
<i>Dogs impounded</i>	35	17	21
<i>Dogs euthanised</i>	2%	0%	9%
<i>Cats impounded</i>	98	152	67
<i>Cats euthanised</i>	86%	85%	37%
<i>Number of declared dogs</i>	1 menacing	1 menacing	1 menacing
<i>Number of animals seized / surrendered</i>	133	152	88
<i>Number of prosecutions</i>	0	0	0
<i>Number of complaints relating to dogs and cats</i>	297	351	397

2 TRAINING OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

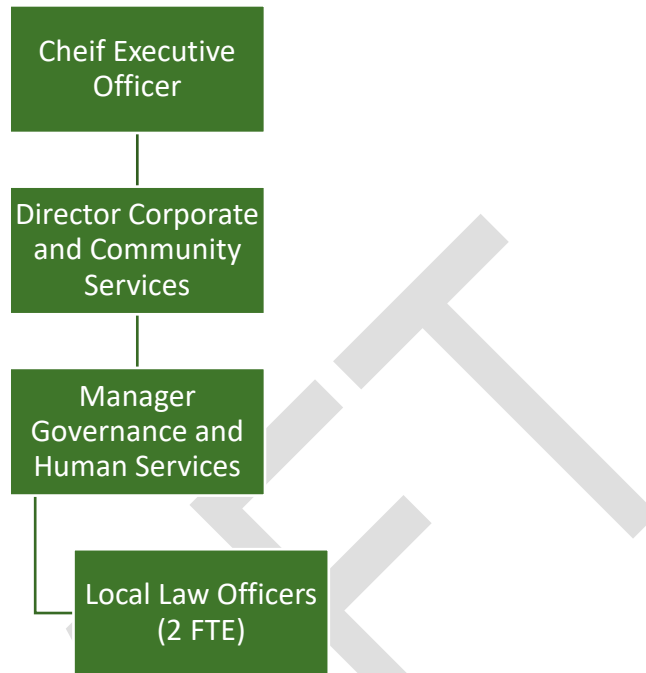
Local Laws Officers undertake training to ensure they comply with all requirements as per their position description. This section of the plan outlines the programs for the training of local law officers to ensure that they can properly administer and enforce the requirements of this Act in the Council's municipal district.

2.1 Context and current situation

All Animal Management Officers receive ongoing on the job training and are encouraged to have or attain the Certificate IV in Animal Control and Regulation. Council's annual performance reviews include a review of the staff members' skills and training undertaken in the last year.

Council currently has **two full time local laws officers** whose responsibilities include enforcing a wide range of legislation. Domestic animal management services form only a part of each role.

2.1.1 Organisational structure



2.2 Our plans

Objective 1: develop a training plan that clearly identifies minimum training requirements and any additional training opportunities that should be undertaken by animal management officers.			
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Identify minimum training requirements for Council's Animal Management staff	Training Plan for Council's Animal Management staff finalised and approved	HR	2021/2022
Review staff qualifications	Staff have the relevant training	HR	Annual
Identify additional training opportunities by consulting with relevant staff and management	Annual performance reviews include review of skills	Management HR	Annual
Objective 2: Council will encourage officers to undergo further study to obtain higher animal management, welfare qualifications and, where practical, to attend relevant conferences and seminars.			
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Identify additional training opportunities eg, prosecutions training, conflict management, communication / education technique, networking opportunities and conferences	Annually review what training officers undertook that was in addition to their minimum requirements. Meet the objective of providing at least 2 additional training opportunities annually.	Management HR	Annual

3 PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION

Council plays an important leadership role in supporting and promoting responsible pet ownership. This section outlines how Council promotes and encourages responsible pet ownership and compliance with legislation.

3.1 Context and current situation

Council provides information to pet owners within the Shire to encourage responsible pet ownership. Council also makes use of social media and newsletters to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership and compliance with legislation. Council provides information packs to all educational facilities and community groups to encourage the education of Responsible Pet Ownership for Children, which will focus on the following priorities:

- Registration and microchipping of dogs and cats;
- Desexing of dogs and cats; and
- Confinement of dogs and cats. Council will annually undertake regular doorknocks to identify unregistered dogs and cats.

3.2 Our Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

Council's Municipal Local Law provides that a person must obtain a permit if they wish to keep more than:

- Two (2) dogs over three (3) months of age; or
- Two (2) cats over three (3) months of age; or
- Two (2) dogs over three (3) months of age and two (2) cats over three (3) months of age.

Council's Municipal Local Law also provides that it is an offence for a dog or cat to roam at large between dusk and dawn in a residential area.

Both provisions are in place to encourage responsible pet ownership.

Council has an Enforcement Policy in place which guides Council's approach in enforcement action.

3.3 Our plan

Objective 1: Reduce the number of pecuniary compliance actions by educating the community about their legislative obligations.

ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Develop engaging fact sheets and web content regarding legislative obligations.	Reduce infringements issued	Management	March 2022

Objective 2: promote 'Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife' messaging among residents.

ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Circulate safe Cat, Safe Wildlife education material throughout municipality (Find out more: www.safecat.org.au)	Less reports of wandering/nuisance cats per annum	Local Law Officers	Annually in March

4 PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS OVER POPULATION RATES AND ANY HIGH EUTHANASIA RATES

This section outlines how Council addresses over population and high euthanasia rates in dogs and cats.

4.1 Context and current situation

Council’s pound and euthanasia policies are guided by the *Domestic Animal Act 1994*. Council operates under its own pound and policies and procedures in accordance with the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* and code of practice for shelters and pounds.

Council’s Municipal Local Law provides that a person must obtain a permit if they wish to keep more than:

- Two (2) dogs over three (3) months of age; or
- Two (2) cats over three (3) months of age; or
- Two (2) dogs over three (3) months of age and two (2) cats over three (3) months of age.

Council has cat cages which can be hired out to community members to assist with trapping nuisance cats.

Council currently undertakes the following compliance activities in support of increasing registration and reducing euthanasia rates:

- Renewal follow-ups for registration and identification for domestic dogs and cats;
- Vehicle patrols;
- Nuisance complaint response;
- Compulsory registration of animal released from the pound;
- Enforcement where required.

<i>Euthanasia Rates</i>			
	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
<i>Dogs euthanised</i>	1	0	2
<i>Cats euthanised</i>	85	129	25

4.2 Our Plan

Objective 1: To provide readily accessible information to the public in relation to overpopulation and high euthanasia rates			
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Promote confinement of animals to owner's premises to prevent stray cats and dogs and possible euthanasia if the animal is not microchipped and registered.	Promote compliance and the importance of registration	Local Law Officers	Ongoing
Circulate safe Cat, Safe Wildlife education material throughout municipality (Find out more: www.safecat.org.au)	Less reports of wandering/nuisance cats per annum	Local Law Officers	Annually in March
Objective 2: Reduce the number of cats and dogs euthanised			
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Investigation of the suitability of entering into section 84Y agreements with animal welfare, re-housing and adoption groups. A section 84Y agreement can allow for a person or body to seize, retain or dispose of cats or dogs.	This can be evaluated against figures for euthanasia after the program is up and running.	Manager	March 2022
Objective 3: Apply for government grant funding to support delivery of a low cost (or free) cat desexing program.			
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Complete and lodge a grant application to run a low-cost desexing program to support disadvantaged Victorian families within our municipality.	XX cats desexed by the end of the desexing program.	Manager	March 2022

5 REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION

Registration and identification of domestic animals is considered to be a core task for animal management. It is the basis for distinguishing between owned and unowned animals, returning lost pets to their owners, identifying offending animals etcetera. This section of the plan outlines the programs services and strategies to encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats.

All newly registered dogs and cats now need to be microchipped before they can be registered. Council recognises that this is difficult in isolated areas with few veterinarians.

5.1 Context and current situation

Hindmarsh Shire Council's current identification and registration activities include:

- Publishing regular articles in Council's community newsletter and social media promoting the need for residents to register their pets and to keep their pets contained to their property.
- Increased application of Infringement Notices to owners of unregistered animals.
- Providing a 'free ride home' for registered dogs found wandering at large and not causing a nuisance provided it is not a repeat offence or an ongoing concern.
- Conducting door knocking campaigns to identify unregistered pets.

	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
<i>Dogs registered</i>	1189	1187	1012
<i>Cats registered</i>	420	402	366

5.2 Our Orders, Local Laws and Policies

Council has no Orders or Local Laws relevant to the registration of cats and dogs, however, Council's Municipal Local Law does require a person to have an excess animal permit if they have more than two dogs or two cats (or a combination of both). Council's main controls relating to registration of animals come from the *Domestic Animal Act 1994*. Council currently provides:

- Registration and identification for dogs and cats, including renewal and follow-ups and doorknocks;
- Registration and identification of dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs;
- Regular animal registration updates via our website and social media.

Council's current compliance activities are:

- Issuing registration notices annually;
- Following up non-renewals with phone calls and door knocks;
- Conducting random door knocking each year to check for unregistered cats and dogs
- Requiring that all seized and impounded animals are registered and microchipped prior to their release;
- Patrolling public places, such as streets, reserves and parks to check that dogs are registered;
- Issuing notices to comply, infringements where required and prosecution of owners with unregistered dogs and cats.

5.3 Our plan

Objective 1: Increase the number of dog and cat registrations by conducting door knocks and educating residents in relation to their legislative obligations			
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Increase registration by conducting annual door knocks throughout the municipality to ensure dogs and cats are registered	Demonstrate increase in numbers of pets registered with Council following annual door knocks	Local Law Officers	Annually
Advertise pet registration renewals – webpage, entry points of Council and social media posts	Increase in numbers of pets registered with Council	Local Law Officers	Annually

6 NUISANCE

Nuisance complaints received by Council are generally related to barking dogs, dogs at large, dog attacks and feral cats. This section outlines the programs and services in place to minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance.

6.1 Context and current situation

Council's response to barking complaints is to encourage the complainant to discuss the problem with their neighbour. If this course of action fails, Council will inform the dog owner of the problem and provide them an opportunity to rectify it. Council employs investigation, negotiation, communication and education strategies to resolve most nuisance issues. If legal action is identified as being required, it is necessary for the complainant to become involved and provide much of the evidence.

Council provides a dog seizure and impoundment service to help prevent dogs found at large from being harmed or becoming a nuisance. Registered dogs found at large are returned to their owners who are informed of their obligation to keep their dog contained. Unregistered dogs at large are delivered to the pound and penalties applied.

Council has for many years made up to ten cat traps available for hire by residents. These traps are continually out for hire with on-going demand reflected in a waiting list of residents seeking to access the cat trapping program in order to alleviate their cat related problem.

6.2 Our orders, local laws, Council policies and procedures

Council's Municipal Local Law contains provisions to mitigate domestic animals causing a nuisance including:

- A person must obtain a permit if they wish to keep more than:
 - Two (2) dogs over three (3) months of age; or
 - Two (2) cats over three (3) months of age; or
 - Two (2) dogs over three (3) months of age and two (2) cats over three (3) months of age.

- A person must not allow any dog or cat to be in or on any road, public place or Council land unless the dog or cat is under effective control.
- A person must not, in a residential area, release a dog or cat so as to enable that dog or cat to attack or endanger any person or animal.
- A person in charge of a dog that defecates in a public place must immediately remove the faeces.

Council responds effectively to nuisance complaints relating domestic animals.

6.3 Our plan

Objective 1: Reduce cat nuisance complaints				
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN	
Provide education material about cat enclosures	Increased use of cat enclosures	Local Law Officers	March 2022	
Circulate safe Cat, Safe Wildlife education material throughout municipality (Find out more: www.safecat.org.au)	Less reports of wandering/nuisance cats per annum.	Local Law Officers	Annually in March	

7 DOG ATTACKS

Whilst the number of dog attacks is not high in the Hindmarsh Shire, managing them is a critical animal management role. This section outlines the programs, services and strategies Council has in place to minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals.

7.1 Context and current situation

All dogs are required to be confined to their property. This is a requirement under the Act and Council will continue to place importance on the need for dogs to be confined. Council will also continue to place importance on the need for cats to be confined. Council will encourage people to have their dogs and cats de-sexed. This can help to reduce aggressive tendencies.

Council believes the State Government's state-wide schools visitation program is an excellent means for educating children in how to behave around dogs.

Council currently investigates reported dog attacks and where a serious attack has been substantiated, endeavours to have the dog(s) responsibly euthanized. If an owner refuses to surrender a dog for euthanization, Council will investigate the matter with intention of prosecuting, provided there is adequate evidence to support a successful prosecution.

Infringements are issued for minor attacks and articles are routinely published in local media alerting residents to the potential consequences of allowing their dog to wander at large.

	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
<i>Number of declared dogs</i>	1 menacing	1 menacing	1 menacing
<i>Number of prosecutions</i>	0	0	0

7.2 Our orders, local laws, Council policies and procedures

Council follows the requirements set out in the *Domestic Animal Act* 1994. Council's Municipal Local Law additionally provides that a person must not, in a residential area, release a dog or cat so as to enable that dog or cat to attack or endanger any person or animal.

Council has a Dog Attack Procedure which outlines the process that should be undertaken in the event of a Dog Attack.

7.3 Our plan

Objective 1: increase reporting of dog attacks in the community			
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Improve public awareness of what a dog attack is and how to report it	Evaluate this activity (and overall objective) by comparing number of dog attacks reported to council pre and post campaign. Meet objective of increasing reports by (number) % Could also consider doing a community survey to measure awareness of dog attacks and how to report them, before and after the campaign.	Local Law Officers	Ongoing
Review Council's dog attack procedure	Improve investigation process	Management	October 2021
Develop information pack for owner of attacking dog and owners of attacked animal	Ensure dog attacks are being reported	Local Law Officers	July 2022

8 DANGEROUS, MENACING AND RESTRICTED BREED DOGS

This section outlines how Council effectively identifies all dangerous dogs, menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs in the Shire and ensures those dogs are kept in a way which complies with the *Domestic Animal Act* 1994 and the regulations.

8.1 Context and current situation

Very few dogs are declared in Hindmarsh Shire Council as owners of dogs that are involved in serious attacks are encouraged to surrender their dog to council to be euthanised if the attack is proven.

Council's approach will continue to involve removing dangerous or restricted breed dogs with consent of owners from within the community. In any situation where an owner refuses to surrender their dog, Council will investigate the matter with a view to prosecute. Council will continue to respond to reports of Restricted Breed Dogs as per requirements of the Act.

8.2 Our policies and procedures

Dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs are controlled by the *Domestic Animal Act* 1994.

Council provides the community with information regarding declared dogs. Council treats all dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs very seriously and undertakes the following compliance activities:

- Declaration of dogs in appropriate situations;
- Registration and identification of dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs; and
- Updating the declared dog database.

Objective 1: Developing a policy to assist in deciding whether or not to declare a dog dangerous, menacing or restricted breed dog provides assurance to local residents the decision making is fair and nonbiased.

ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Develop a policy to assist decision making regarding the declaration process	Policy implemented	Management	October 2022

Objective 2: Ensure declared dogs are compliant to relevant legislation and regulations

ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Conduct random property inspections of declared dogs to ensure compliance	Compliance with declared dog requirements	Local Law Officers	Ad hoc

9 DOMESTIC ANIMAL BUSINESSES

This section outlines programs, services and strategies Council has in place or plans to have in place to ensure that people comply with the Act, regulations and relevant legislation regarding domestic animal businesses.

9.1 Context and current situation

Hindmarsh Shire Council does not have many domestic animal businesses. However, Council does provides information and guidance to people who want to start a domestic animal business. There are approved Codes of Practice for the operation of breeding and rearing establishments, boarding establishments and shelters and pounds. Council ensures that relevant organisations are aware of and comply with the relevant code of practice.

9.2 Current policies and procedures

Domestic animal business registration is controlled by the *Domestic Animal Act 1994*.

9.3 Our plan

Objective: identify and register all Domestic Animal Businesses in the municipality

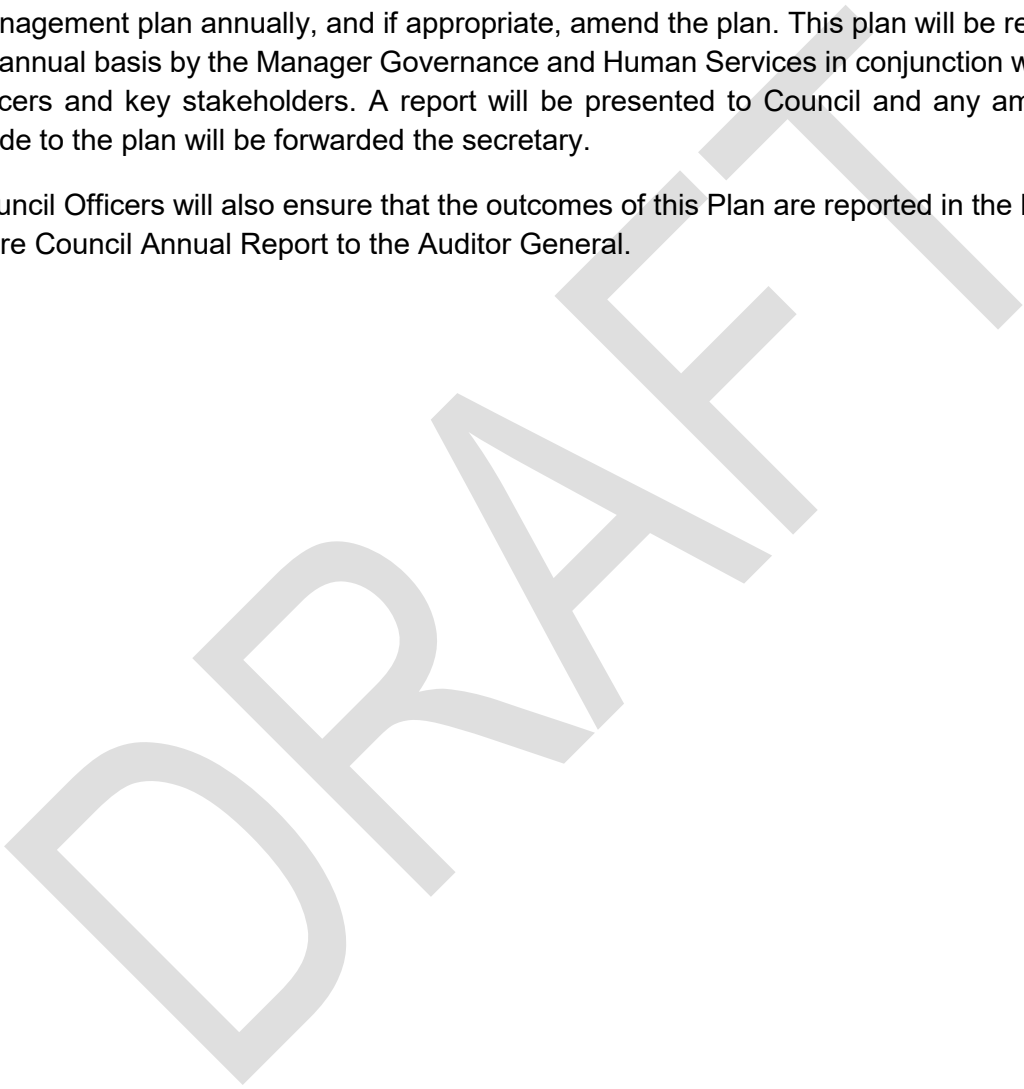
ACTION	EVALUATION	WHO	WHEN
Identify all businesses that should be registered DABs in the municipality, including businesses selling pets / pet products / services in the municipality. Follow up to determine whether they	Compare number of registered DABs before and after activity.	Local Law Officers	Annually

are and should be registered with council.			
Inspect properties with excess animal permits to ensure they are not a breeding business	Identify domestic animal businesses	Local Law Officers	Annually

10 ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORTING

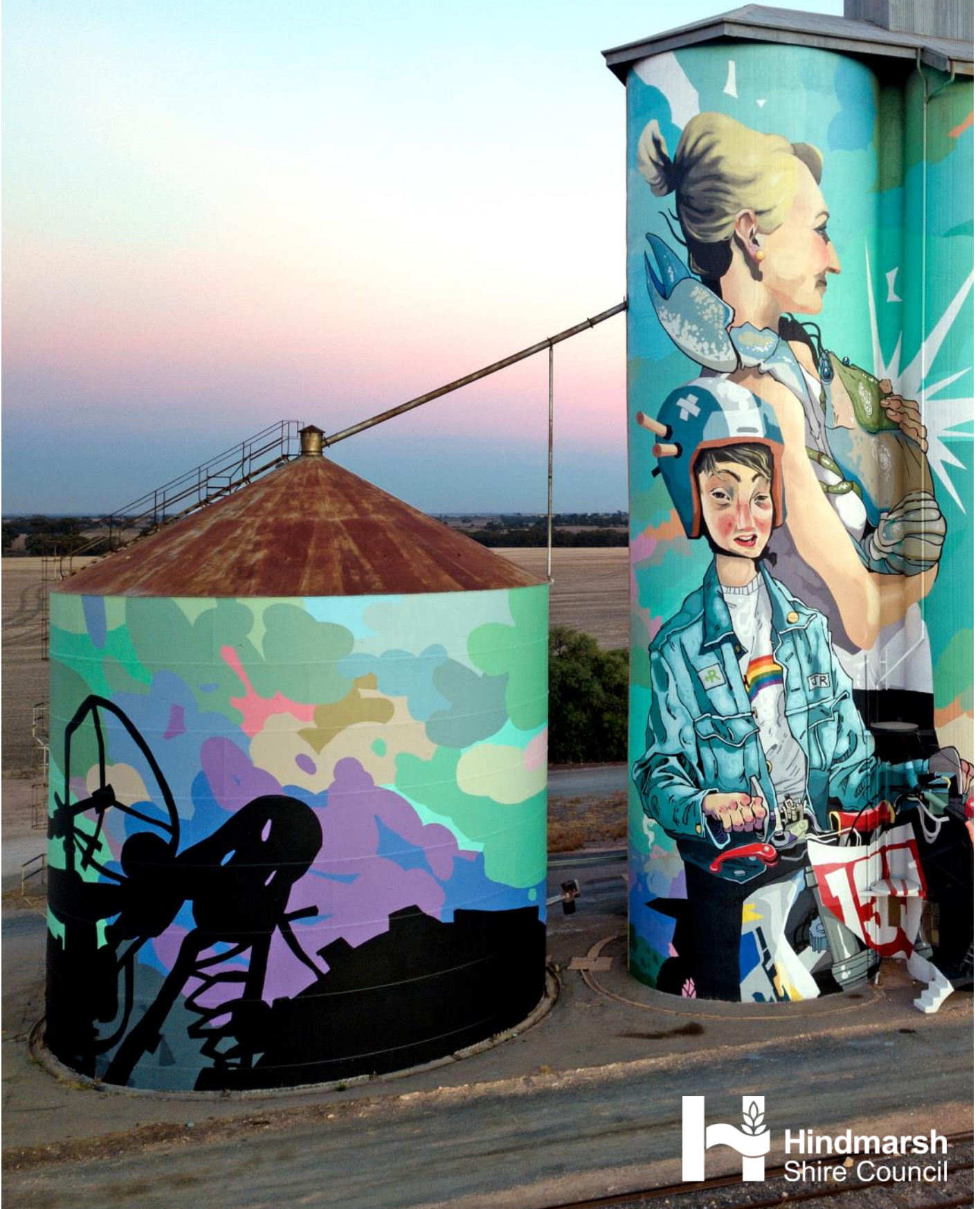
The *Domestic Animal Act* 1994 requires that a Council must review its domestic animal management plan annually, and if appropriate, amend the plan. This plan will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Manager Governance and Human Services in conjunction with council officers and key stakeholders. A report will be presented to Council and any amendments made to the plan will be forwarded the secretary.

Council Officers will also ensure that the outcomes of this Plan are reported in the Hindmarsh Shire Council Annual Report to the Auditor General.



Hindmarsh Shire Council

Council Plan 2021-2025 and Community Vision 2040



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Acknowledgement of our Traditional Custodians

We respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous community as the first owners of this country. We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community.

Hindmarsh Shire Council is committed to Aboriginal reconciliation, and acknowledges the traditional people and the cultural significance and history of the traditional land of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people.

Hindmarsh Shire aims to collaborate and work in meaningful and respectful ways with the Indigenous community.

Message from the Mayor

On behalf of Council, I am pleased to present the Hindmarsh Shire Council Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-2025 incorporating the Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that Council prepare and adopt a Council Plan and Community Vision. In developing the Vision, Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Council has taken into account the needs and aspirations identified by our communities. Council engaged with the community by conducting an online survey and holding in person community conversation sessions.

Our Vision for Hindmarsh is:

Working together to be a connected, inclusive and prosperous community.

We will achieve our vision through our values with transparent and accountable actions and decisions; inclusion and collaboration with residents; showing respect and integrity to all; and, being proactive and responsible by encouraging innovation.

The Community Vision and Council Plan follows four key themes:

- Our Community
- Built & Natural Environment
- Competitive & Innovative Economy
- Governance & Financial Sustainability

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* requires Council to develop a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. Council supports the Wimmera wide health and wellbeing priorities and has incorporated them into this plan.

The MPHWP will focus on five key areas:

- Healthy Eating
- Active Living
- Social Connectivity
- Improving Mental Health
- Preventing all forms of violence and injury

The Council plan will be a living document that will be reviewed and updated annually. The plan contains annual actions, allowing Council to adapt to our changing environment and inform the budget for each financial year.

Collaboration is key for ensuring successful implementation of this plan and a connected experience across our community. In delivering this plan we will partner with key stakeholders, state and federal government, regional bodies, as well as our community, business and industry sectors. We value the partnerships we have with the community and acknowledge the hard work of our volunteers throughout the Shire.

Cr Ron Ismay
Mayor

About Council & what we do

Hindmarsh Shire Council is located halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide, comprises 7,500sq kilometres and has a population of approximately 5,588. The Western Highway, the main thoroughfare between Melbourne and Adelaide, runs through the Shire.

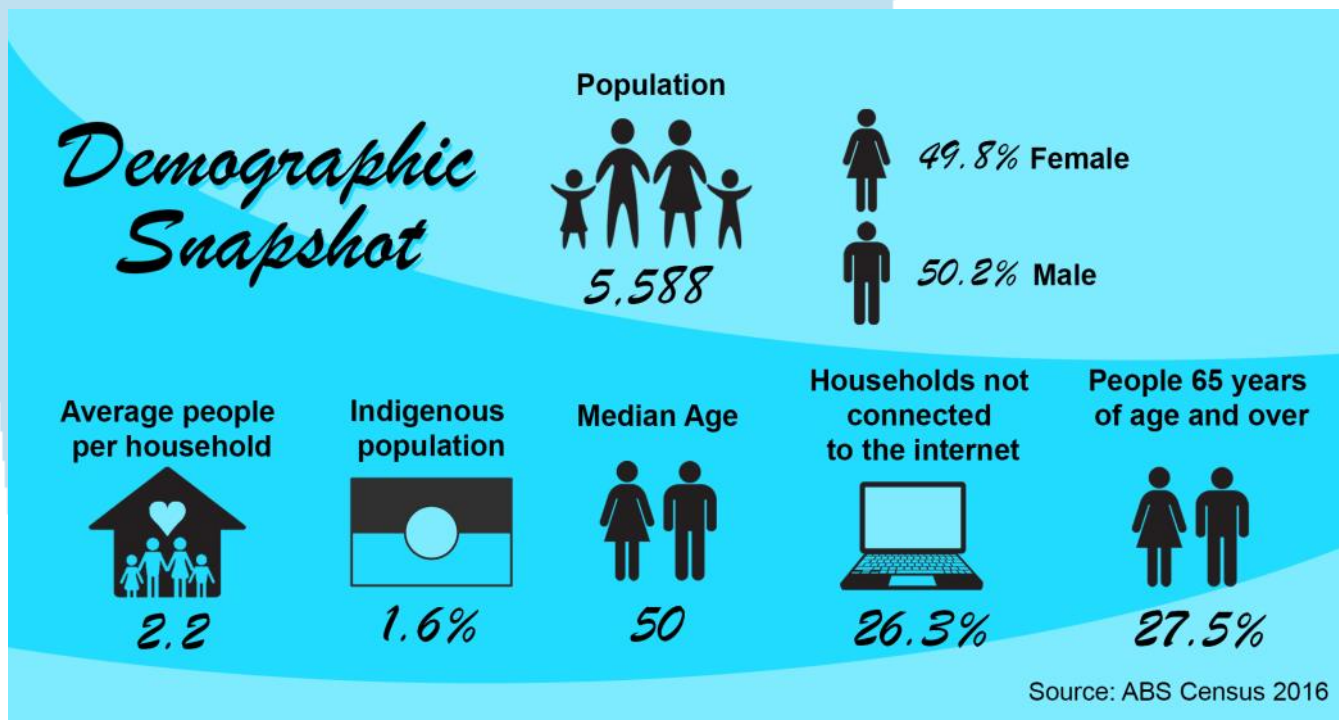
Hindmarsh Shire has four main townships (Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow) and is largely dependent on agriculture, health services, manufacturing and retail. Our towns have excellent sporting facilities, schools and hospitals, and our natural and heritage attractions draw thousands of visitors each year.

Hindmarsh Shire is responsible for the governance and delivery of services that support the municipal community. This includes waste management, maintenance of roads, footpaths, and drainage, planning and building services, local laws and emergency management and recreation and community services.

Councillors are elected by, and accountable to, the people who live and do business within the municipality.



Who we are



- Hindmarsh has **47 hectares** of national park/projected area per population;
- **72%** feel safe walking alone at night.
- **45%** participate in sports groups or teams;
- **93%** agree that they can get help with care in case of emergency;
- **79%** think that there is a good spirit around Hindmarsh.
- **37%** eat recommended daily serves of fruit and vegetables;
- **17%** consume take away food >1 day per week;
- **33%** agree that domestic violence is a large problem in local area;
- **47%** Involved in insufficient activity;
- In 2019, Nhill had **39 days** with temperature of **more than 35 C**, **14 days** with **over 40 C** and **288 days** of **average rainfall**.

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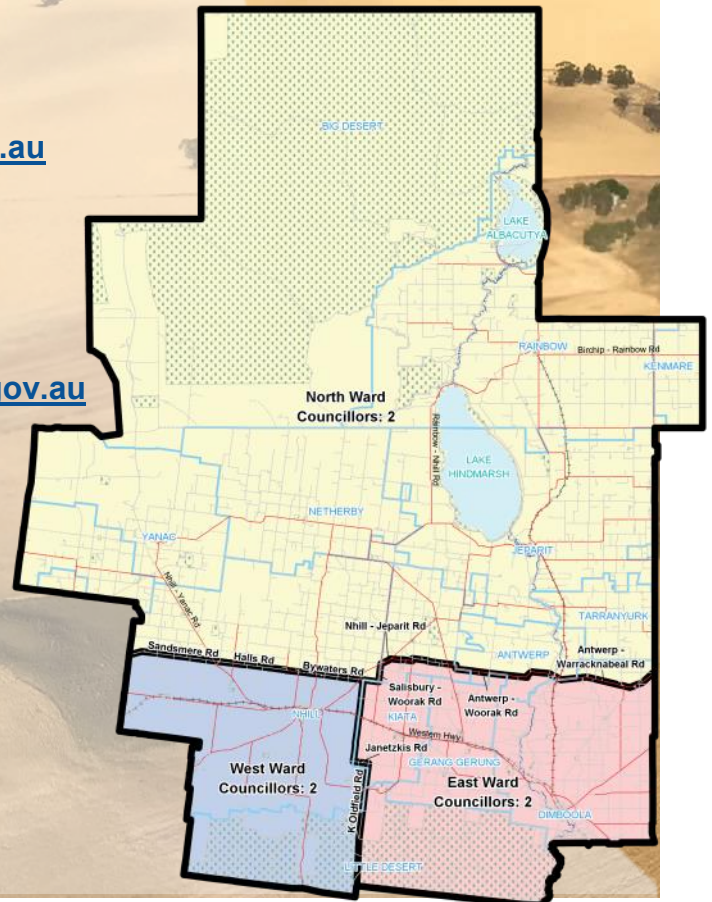
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How to read this document



This document contains three main components: Community Vision 2040, four-year Council Plan, and four-year Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan. This has been presented as a single integrated document due to their link.



Purpose of the Community Vision and Council Plan and Community Engagement

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that a Community Vision and Council Plan be prepared and adopted by 31 October in the year following a general election.

The Community Vision must describe the municipal community's aspirations for the future of the municipality for a period of at least the next 10 financial years.

The Council Plan must address the strategic planning principles outlined in the Act in the preparation of its Council Plan and other strategic plans.

The Council Plan reflects the strategic priorities and direction of the elected Council. Included in the Plan is Council's strategic objectives and strategies for achieving the objectives. Each year Council will prepare an annual action plan for the coming year detailing initiatives for achieving the objectives and strategies, and indicators for monitoring success.

The Council Plan expands on the four themes of our community, built & natural environment, competitive and innovative economy, and good governance and financial sustainability.

The Community Vision and Council Plan has been informed by community engagement through an online questionnaire and community conversation sessions including round table discussions.

Through our online questionnaire we asked our community for their top 3 priorities under the four themes, challenges for Hindmarsh, how to address the challenges, what they like most about Hindmarsh, areas to focus on, and advocacy and support required to make Hindmarsh age friendly.

The results then informed our round table discussions with participants asked to consider and discuss the following with Councillors and staff members:

- What communication / conversation methods can Council adapt or add to bridge the perceived communication gap?
- What new services / spaces are needed to facilitate active, engaged and supported youth and elderly?
- In addition to current programs and initiatives, how can Council continue to support our businesses and local tourism groups and organisations to create tourist-friendly towns, to maximise experience and improve the sustainability of local businesses?
- Given the limited resources that Council has to dedicate to repairing and renewing localised infrastructure, what are some examples of tangible infrastructure improvements needed to support our community, and how should Council go about identifying priority areas in the future?
- What actions can Council take to improve / increase Council's and the broader community's environmental awareness and management practices?
- Are there any other suggestions or actions that Council can consider to improve the quality of life, community liveability and sustainability of the townships and residents within the Shire?

Community Vision

Hindmarsh: Working together to be a connected, inclusive and prosperous community.

We will achieve our Community Vision through four key themes:

- Our Community
- Built and Natural Environment
- Competitive and Innovative Economy
- Good Governance and Financial Sustainability

Our Community

By 2040 we want to:

- be a friendly, welcoming, inclusive and desirable place to live.
- provide arts and cultural activities that strengthen social connection.
- recognise respect and support Traditional owners.
- celebrate the diversity within our Community.
- be safe and accessible communities.
- support healthy living and provide services and activities for people of all ages and abilities.
- promote digital connectivity to support learning and work.

Built and Natural Environment

By 2040 we want:

- well maintained roads, buildings and other assets that service our community needs.
- spaces and facilities to support our recreation, socialisation and wellbeing.
- sustainable practices that preserve our landscapes and open spaces for our future generations to enjoy.
- quality and affordable housing and rental accommodation suitable for our diverse community.

Competitive and Innovative Economy

By 2040 we want:

- a strong tourism industry with quality accommodation for visitors.
- a variety of commercial and other employment opportunities for all ages and abilities.
- strong local businesses providing goods and services including retail and hospitality.
- a strong competitive agricultural industry.

Good Governance and Financial Sustainability

By 2040 we want:

- accountable leadership to achieve a strong and shared future.
- responsible and sustainable financial, asset and risk management.
- continued advocacy on issues that matter to our community.
- consultative and engaging partnerships with the community and interest groups.

Council Values and Mission

Council Values

Council addresses key values through:

- Transparent and accountable actions and decisions
- Inclusion and collaboration with residents
- Showing respect and integrity to all
- Being proactive and responsible by encouraging innovation

Council Mission

Council's mission is to:

- Increase accessible services to enable the community to be healthy, active and engaged.
- Provide infrastructure essential to support the community; and to protect and enhance our natural environment.
- Foster a sustainable and diversified local economy where economic growth is encouraged and supported.
- Promote user friendly services to ensure transparency, good governance and financial sustainability.
- Advance gender equality, equity and inclusion for all.



Theme One: Our Community

Council's mission is to increase accessible services to enable the community to be healthy, active and engaged.

Objectives	What are we going to do	Council's Role
A community well informed and engaged	Use a broad range of communication and engagement techniques with information accessible in different languages	Deliver
	Redevelopment of Council's website to allow for easier navigation	Deliver
	Continue to engage with the community through Council-Community Conversations to provide an alternative avenue of engagement, consultation and promotion	Deliver
	Support and celebrate our volunteers	Deliver Partner
	Provide opportunities for our LGBTIQ+ community to inform Council on barriers to accessing council services and facilities	Deliver Partner
	Support local community organisations through the Community Action Grants Program	Deliver
Communities that feel safe and are resilient	Work with key stakeholders to develop and implement plans and policies that assist our communities to prepare and recovery from emergencies and natural disasters	Deliver Partner
Provide arts and cultural activities that strengthen social connection	Facilitate and support arts, music, and cultural community events, celebrations and activities to build social connection.	Deliver Partner
	Support significant days and events important to our multicultural community.	Deliver Partner
A range of effective and accessible services to support the health and wellbeing of our community	Further develop and provide library services to facilitate a range of activities for residents	Deliver
	Continue to support and facilitate Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council including the development and implementation of a Youth Strategy	Deliver Partner
	Provide infrastructure and support to early years services within Hindmarsh	Deliver Partner
	Advocate for a range of learning and skill development opportunities for all ages	Advocate
	Advocate and lobby for improved mental health services for all ages in our community	Advocate

Theme One: Our Community continued

Objectives	What are we going to do	Council's Role
Support healthy living and provide services and activities for people of all ages and	Provide Home and Community Care Services to enable our aged and vulnerable community to retain independence to remain in their homes for longer	Deliver
	Facilitate a range of events and activities to engage and support our elderly community	Deliver Partner
A range of transport options	Advocate for improved public transport services, including the return of passenger rail to the Wimmera	Advocate
	Provide transport options for school holiday activities to ensure no student is disadvantaged	Deliver
Assist our Community to recover from COVID-19	Support a range of events and activities within Hindmarsh to bring communities back together	Deliver Partner
A diverse community	Support and encourage refugee or migrants to relocate and invest in Hindmarsh	Deliver Partner Advocate
	Provide opportunities for our Karen and all other multicultural communities to inform Council on barriers to accessing council services and facilities	Deliver Partner
Recognise respect and support Traditional Owners	Acknowledge and preserve Aboriginal values and culture through partnerships, land management practices and understanding in order to deliver positive outcomes	Deliver Partner
	Consider our Indigenous heritage when planning for new community facilities, projects or spaces	Deliver Partner
Digital connectivity to support learning and work	Promote the strength of digital connectivity in the Shire	Deliver
	Advocate for improved mobile phone coverage, including a telecommunications tower west of Rainbow	Advocate

Theme Two: Built and Natural Environment

Council's mission is to provide infrastructure essential to support the community; and to protect and enhance our natural environment.

Objectives	What are we going to do	Council's role
Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs	Maintain the condition of our existing local road network prioritising capital works investment into renewal on roads and road related infrastructure.	Deliver
	Upgrade parks and open spaces as funding stream are available, including lighting for increased night time use, safety and security.	Deliver
	Completion and installation of the pathways hierarchy and pathways expansion program to provide inclusive footpaths and kerbing.	Deliver
	Regularly review Council's asset management plans, and update the Assets Register	Deliver
	Advocate for the continuation of State and Federal Government funding to support the maintenance and upgrades of Council's extensive road network and infrastructure needs.	Advocate
	Develop master plans for all Recreation Reserves, multi-use facilities and active outdoor open spaces.	Deliver Partner
	Develop and implement a strategic roads strategy to support agriculture and communities	Deliver Partner
Environmentally sustainable practices	Implement a range of environmentally sustainable practices throughout the Shire including solar/wind powered infrastructure and water efficient appliances	Deliver Partner Advocate
	Encourage the community to implement waste minimisation and management strategies through education and promotion	Deliver Partner Advocate
	Continuous improvement of our waste management and transfer stations through upgrades and establishment of rural collection points for increased recycling use and waste services, including transition to a new waste strategy	Deliver Partner Advocate
Attractive streetscapes	Maintain attractive streetscapes, open spaces and public places	Deliver
	Encourage and support residents and ratepayers to maintain the cleanliness and good order of their properties.	Partner Advocate
	Continue to replace and increase green space with regular tree planting in accordance with Council's adopted tree strategy and sustainable watering systems.	Deliver

Theme Three: Competitive and Innovative Economy

Council's mission is to foster a sustainable and diversified local economy where economic growth is encouraged and supported.

Objectives	What are we going to do	Council's role
Facilitating and supporting economic development	Review and implement Council's Economic Development Strategy	Deliver Partner
	Facilitate business networking sessions and showcasing Hindmarsh businesses	Deliver Partner
	Provide support to Hindmarsh businesses through buy local campaigns, Council purchasing locally and promote business assistance grants	Deliver Partner Advocate
	Advocate for affordable and available rental accommodation through the Wimmera Development Association regional housing taskforce	Partner Advocate
	Actively participate in the Wimmera Development Association and Rural Councils Victoria	Partner
	Review and update Council's town planning scheme to allow for urban and commercial development	Deliver
Develop and promote local tourism opportunities that attract visitation	Promote Hindmarsh Shire as a destination of choice by increasing and improving tourism signage to encourage people to stop, stay and play in Hindmarsh Shire.	Deliver Partner Advocate
	Develop master plans for all Council owned and operated caravan parks and seek funding to support the implementation of actions and upgrades including cabin accommodation	Deliver
	Establish camping facilities along the Wimmera River Discovery Trail phase 1 and advocate for funding for the completion of the whole trail	Deliver Partner Advocate
	Online bookings and payment options available for Hindmarsh Shire managed caravan parks	Deliver
	Support community initiatives such as markets, pop up shops and appropriate events / activities	Deliver Partner Advocate

Theme Four : Good Governance & Financial Sustainability

Council's mission is to promote user friendly services to ensure transparency, good governance and financial sustainability, and to advance gender equality, equity and inclusion for all.

Objectives	What are we going to do	Council's role
Strong governance practices	Ensure compliance with the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>	Deliver
	Continue online streaming of Council meetings to uphold the principles of public transparency and accessibility	Deliver
	Provide a range of engagement and communication methods to ensure open, easily available and transparent communication between Council and the community.	Deliver
	Work collaboratively with, and support appropriate community organisations, to plan community initiatives and mitigate community issues.	Deliver Partner
Long-term financial sustainability	Continue to focus on responsible financial management in budgeting and long term financial planning	Deliver
	Enhance our financial management systems through the Rural Council Transformation Project	Deliver Partner
	Continue to advocate State and Federal Governments for sustainable funding models for small rural councils	Advocate
Ensure responsible risk management principles	Further develop and implement Council's Risk Management Framework and ensure all key risks have been measured and adequately controlled.	Deliver
A skilled Council and workforce capable of meeting community needs	Enhance our workforce through the development of a Workforce Plan that supports the needs of the organisation and encourages diversity	Deliver
	Provide for a safe working environment and develop a productive and skilled workforce.	Deliver
	Provide professional development opportunities including diversity and cultural awareness education and training for Councillors and staff	Deliver Partner
	Provide opportunities for culturally diverse and young people through activities such as work experience, cadetships, certificates, apprenticeships and traineeships	Deliver Partner
	Promote benefits of being a Councillor encouraging diversity on Council	Deliver Advocate
Gender Equity respect and leadership	Demonstrate leadership on gender equity and promote respectful relationships through partnerships, programs, activities, spaces and education and Council's implementation of the <i>Gender Equality Act 2020</i>	Deliver Partner Advocate

2021/2022 Annual Plan to achieve our objectives

Theme One – Our Community

Action Item
Monthly and fortnightly e-newsletters distributed through emails and available on Council's website
Redevelopment of Council's website making it easier for our community to navigate
Councillors and Council Officers attend advisory committees including Town Committees, Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum and Yurunga Homestead meetings
Partner with Wimmera Pride to ensure LGBTIQ+ barriers and views are considered
Develop the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Strategy
Upgrades to the Nhill Library to encourage use by our multicultural community, children and youth
Continue to support early years services in Hindmarsh Shire
Partner with Nhill Learning Centre to ensure barriers and views of the Karen and other multicultural communities are considered
Ensure the Municipal Emergency Management Committee includes membership from key stakeholders
Support our ageing community through hosting seniors concert, social connection activities including movie matinees and morning teas, and delivery of community care services
Support local community events including the Rainbow Desert Enduro, Great Victorian Bike Ride, Dimboola inaugural Steampunk Festival, Nhill Friday Fiestas in February, Peter Taylor Barefoot Tournament etc.
Celebrate volunteers week
Construction of Rainbow Library
Provide community action grants to support Hindmarsh community groups and organisations
Continue to support the Rural Outreach Program
Provide school holiday activities throughout Hindmarsh
Support and coordinate the volunteer taxi service in Nhill
Establish and maintain relationships with Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) and local indigenous groups
Provide public computers and free Wi-Fi at Hindmarsh Shire Libraries

Theme Two – Built & Natural Environment

Action Item

Review and update Council's asset management plan

Implement recycling bins in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow main business districts

Review Council's road management plan

Construction of Albacutya bridge and associated road works

Hold free green waste month in September and encourage residents to tidy their properties prior to the fire season

Consider for adoption of Nhill streetscape plan

Installation of solar heating on Rainbow swimming pool

Advocate for improved water quality in the regional lakes and rivers

Construction of new clubrooms at Nhill Tennis Club

Review and update waste management strategy

Installation of pedestrian safety fencing at Nhill Early Years Centre

Installation of seating and electric barbeques at Rainbow lake

Consider opportunities and seek funding for lighting in public areas

Ensure Council representation on Western Highway Action Committee, Wimmera Regional Transport Group and Grampians Central West Waste, Resource Recovery Group and Hindmarsh Landcare Network

Continue to advocate for funding for Davis Park improvements

Theme Three – Competitive and Innovative Economy

Action Item
Upgrades to ensuites at Dimboola Caravan Park
Provide the business assistance grants program
Promote Hindmarsh as a tourism destination to stop, stay and play
Host business networking session to encourage Hindmarsh businesses to come together and network
Construction of a camp kitchen at Jeparit riverbank precinct
Installation of cabin accommodation (including all abilities) at caravan parks within Hindmarsh Shire (subject to funding)
Commence review on Council's economic development strategy
Participate in Wimmera Development Association housing strategy meetings
Enhance Council's Procurement Policy to support Council purchasing locally
Commence Silo Art at Llew Schilling Silo in Rainbow and Arkona Silo
Provide a calendar of events to assist community groups and event organisers to promote their events
Provide business concierge services to assist business understand COVID-19 restrictions

Theme Four – Good Governance & Financial Sustainability

Action Item
Develop a workforce plan
Online streaming of Council meetings through Council's Facebook page
Consideration for employing a trainee, or apprentice when vacancies arise throughout the year
Community conversation sessions held annually in our four main towns
Drop in sessions held allowing for community input to Council on key documents or projects
Develop a ten (10) year long term financial plan
Quarterly finance reporting to Council
Review Council's complaints policy
Ensure Council representation on Wimmera Development Association, Rural Council's Victoria, and Municipal Association of Victoria
Quarterly Council plan reporting to Council
Develop a gender equality action plan
Collaborate with Horsham Rural City Council, West Wimmera Shire Council and Loddon Shire Council to implement the Rural Council Transformation Project
Audit & Risk Committee meetings review and consider Council risks at each meeting

Reporting on Council Plan

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Council is committed to regularly monitoring and reporting on progress on the Council Plan 2021-2025 in the interests of transparency and accountability.

Each quarter across the financial year, a progress report will be presented to an open Council Meeting. The report will provide a detailed update on the annual action plan items under each theme of the Council Plan.

The Council Plan 2021-2025 will be reviewed annually to address and identify the changing circumstances and to continue to reflect the priorities of the community and work towards the Hindmarsh Shire Community Vision 2040.



Health and Wellbeing

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* recognises the significant role of Councils in improving the health and wellbeing of people who live, work, study and play in their municipality. The Act requires Hindmarsh Shire Council to develop a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan every 4 years within 12 months of each general election.

In developing the Health and Wellbeing Plan we consulted with the community who told us mental health, healthy eating, being active and social connectivity are very important. Preventing violence was also identified as a concern.

Integrating Public Health and Wellbeing Plan into Council Plan.

In our Council Plan 2021-2025, we have chosen to include initiatives supporting the health and wellbeing of our communities. While such initiatives are often documented in a separate Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, we believe their inclusion in this Council Plan will help facilitate one of the key objectives of any local government: to improve the quality of life of the people in our community.

Extensive analysis and evaluation of the health and wellbeing of our community was conducted in partnership with stakeholders and Wimmera Primary Care Partnership Population Health and Wellbeing Profile 2016. (http://www.wimmerapcp.org.au/wp-gidbox/uploads/2016/11/Wimmera-PCP-Profile_25-Oct-2016.pdf)

Hindmarsh Shire works in partnership with a number of stakeholders in the health, wellbeing and the social service sector including West Wimmera Health Services, Wimmera Primary Care Partnership, and Wimmera Health Care Group.

We will continue to work with stakeholders to develop an action plan which will be reviewed annually.

Council will focus on five key areas:

- Healthy Eating
- Active Living
- Social Connectivity
- Improving Mental Health
- Preventing all forms of violence

Healthy Eating

With ease of access, affordability and the marketing of unhealthy food and drink choices or diet and food environment is continually changing. Only 37% of our community eat the recommended daily serves of fruit and vegetables, with 17% consuming take away food at least one day per week.

Poor diet contributes to obesity along with other illnesses including type 2 diabetes, dental disease, and cardiovascular disease.

Our aim is to provide opportunities to build a healthier food culture.

We will achieve this by:	Council's Role
Reviewing "Heathy Food Choices Policy" every 12 months	Deliver
Building a healthier food culture by sharing healthy food recipes	Deliver Partner
Promoting and participating in national Nutrition Week	Deliver Partner
Providing healthy eating messages available in common areas, intranet, education messages, posters in our parks and across organisation	Deliver Partner
Including information on our healthy food choices policy in employee induction	Deliver
Discussing healthy food with parents in supported playgroup environment and provide information on the 'traffic light system'	Deliver
Families who feel they require more information or support with healthy eating, the supported playgroup facilitator can assist with a referral to a dietician	Deliver Partner

Active Living

Leading an active life improves our health and wellbeing. Regular physical exercise can help to prevent chronic diseases like cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, obesity and many more.

47% of Hindmarsh community members partake in insufficient exercise.

Our aim is to provide opportunities for active living through supporting our community to engage in physical activities.

We will achieve this by:	Council's role
Actively promoting and participating in community initiatives that support physical activity including Active April, Walk to School, and Park Run.	Deliver Partner
Maintaining and promoting walking and cycling tracks the across the Shire.	Deliver Partner
Providing maximum shade across the Shire (by planting more trees) in different areas: walking tracks, cycling tracks and outdoor sitting areas.	Deliver
Maintaining and promoting local parks, bike paths, recreation facilities and community activities to encourage physical activity.	Deliver Partner
Utilising Hindmarsh Shire Libraries and supporting organisations for a variety of physical activity sessions like yoga classes, pilates, as well as supporting education sessions from health professionals.	Deliver Partner
Support and promote outdoor play and provide opportunities for this during playgroup and supported playgroup sessions.	Deliver Partner
Providing parents with tip sheets during playgroup on keeping active and encourage this as a form of self-care.	Deliver Partner

Social Connectivity

Social connections comprise the people we know, the friends we confide in, the family we belong to and the community we live in. Each contributes to our physical and mental health in a variety of ways.

In Hindmarsh, only 17% people make time to keep in touch with friends-regularly/all the time and 51% help out a local group as a volunteer.

Our aim is to improve the social connectivity.

We will achieve this by:	Council's role
Supporting our community to use Hindmarsh Shire Libraries and Neighbourhood Houses.	Deliver Partner
Increasing awareness and celebration of diversity of people in community.	Deliver Partner
Increasing the range of community activities that support social connections.	Deliver Partner
Supporting and maintaining the use of the natural environment for different meet and greet activities.	Deliver
Increasing the opportunity to meet new and diverse people.	Deliver Partner
Supporting families to meet up outside of playgroup and early years services to strengthen relationships.	Deliver
Referring identified support needs of families to appropriate services to ensure these needs are being met.	Deliver

Mental Health

Mental health is an essential ingredient of individual and community wellbeing and significantly contributed to the social, cultural and economic life of Victoria. Mental health conditions overlap considerably with chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancers, alcohol and substance misuse, and problem gambling.

High rates of hospitalisation for intentional self-harm and suicide has been reported Hindmarsh area.

Our aim is to promote awareness regarding mental health.

We will achieve this by:	Council's role
Supporting and promoting participation in library based program.	Deliver Partner
Promoting awareness of support available and raise awareness of the signs of poor mental health through social media.	Deliver Partner
Advocating for the continuation of the Rural Outreach Program.	Partner Advocate
Improving residents' access to the natural environment through appropriate planning, provision and maintenance of open spaces for residents to use and enjoy.	Deliver
Participating in programs that support Mental Health including Mental Health First Aid Training.	Deliver Partner



Preventing all forms of violence and injury

Preventing all forms of violence and injury is considered top priority while preparing Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plans.

In 2019, 24% assault and related offences, 64% of sexual offence and 12% of the stalking, harassment and threatening behaviour reported in Hindmarsh aged 17 years and under. This proportion is higher than the State.

Our aim is to reduce all forms of violence and injury by following:

We will achieve this by:	Council's role
Provide public information and participate in the Victoria Against Violence campaign including but not limited to 16 days of activism against gender-based violence, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Human Rights Day to raise Awareness of gender equity and family violence.	Deliver Partner
Develop a gender equity action plan.	Deliver
Demonstrate leadership on gender equity and promote respectful relationships through partnerships, programs, activities, spaces and education and Council's implementation of the <i>Gender Equality Act 2020</i>	Deliver Partner Advocate
Commit to and implement CORE strategy 2021-2025 in partnership with Women's Health Grampians	Deliver
Promote awareness through social media on the signs of family violence and the support mechanisms in place available for victims	Deliver Partner



Contact Council



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Council also operates library services across the Shire with three combined customer service centres and libraries; and one stand-alone library.

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Jeparit Customer Service Centre & Library

10 Roy Street, JEPARIT

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Rainbow Customer Service Centre & Library

Federal Street, RAINBOW

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Nhill Library

5 Clarence Street, NHILL

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Submission to Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan due Friday 10th October – Barbara Young M

Rainbow Trailblazers would like to submit its tracks and trails project proposal (see attached Rainbow Trailblazers Workshop Report) as an action that supports the Council Plan and addresses a gap in strategies that support youth and people of all ages and abilities.

Acknowledging providing access to places for physical activity, such as tracks and trails, increases the level of physical activity in the community, West Wimmera Health Service provided funds to enable the Rainbow Trailblazers to conduct a facilitated community meeting about the project. Rainbow Learning Group and Neighbourhood House auspices the project.

Fifty-six people, including 12 children, attended the community conversation on Monday, 17 May 2021 at Bowls Club.

Those who attended agreed that a network of tracks and trails in Rainbow would connect people with each other and special places, encourage community health and wellbeing, contribute to the town's vibrant local economy and improve the liveability. Parks Victoria state scientific evidence and traditional knowledge show that spending time in nature is good for wellbeing.

Once built, the tracks and trails will be used regularly by regional and local people for recreation, transport, health and wellbeing and may connect to community services, open space areas and features such as the Innovation Centre's sensory garden and the Rainbow Lake. They may attract some visitors when the silos in Rainbow join the Silo Art Trail.

This project supports Council Vision to:

- Be a friendly, welcoming, inclusive and desirable place to live.
- Support healthy living and provide services and activities for people of all ages and abilities
- Have spaces and facilities to support our recreation, socialisation and wellbeing.
- Have sustainable practices that preserve our landscapes and open spaces for future generations to enjoy.
- Have continued advocacy on issues that matter to our community.
- Have consultative and engaging partnerships with the community and interest groups.

This project supports Council intention to provide opportunities for active living.

- Develop master plans for all Recreation Reserves, multi-use facilities and active outdoor open spaces
- Maintain, promote walking cycling tracks, and provide shade by planting trees

The Rainbow Trailblazers Working Committee (Rainbow Learning Group and Neighbourhood House subcommittee) would be a community reference group for Council to liaise with to deliver health and wellbeing outcomes.

Initially tracks and trails can be achieved by our resourceful local community with low-cost solutions to support younger trailblazers. During the past two years our young community members have dealt with diminishing recreational opportunities to get outside and connect with friends. Council approval to use Rec Reserve space to build mountain bike tracks would address this gap now as it would involve youth developing both construction and cycling skills.

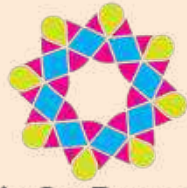
A feasibility study for inclusive tracks and trails throughout Rainbow public land, and potentially scoping a mountain bike course within Rainbow Rises, could be built into Council's master plan for Rec Reserves and outdoor open spaces. For example, the RDV Regional Infrastructure Fund supported the development of a bike course at Forrest in Southwest Victoria.

RAINBOW TRAILBLAZERS

TRACKS AND TRAILS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



Workshop report for the community
conversation held on Monday 17 May 2021
in Rainbow, Victoria.



It's On Purpose

Report prepared June 2021

Tammy Atkins and Sue Gold delivered this program with support from Suz Christison.

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1. CONTEXT

It's On Purpose was asked to facilitate a workshop with the Rainbow community to gauge community support and need for a network of local tracks and trails.

This report captures the workshop conversations and provides a strategic direction for the project.

1.1 BACKGROUND

A network of tracks and trails has been discussed by members of the community who were keen to test the idea with the wider community. To progress the initiative, a community group known as the Rainbow Trailblazers was formed.

This group identified substantial benefits tracks and trails provide for local residents through health, wellbeing and economic development, and for visitor enjoyment.

The Rainbow Trailblazers recognised that:

- A network of tracks and trails will provide increased opportunities for physical activity. Physical activity controls weight and high blood pressure, reduces Type 2 diabetes, heart attack and colon cancer, reduces symptoms of depression and anxiety, reduces arthritis and disability and prevents osteoporosis and falls.¹
- Studies have aimed to quantify the return on investment in trails. For example, a cost-benefit analysis in the United States found that for every US\$1 invested into trails, there was \$2.94 in direct public health benefit.²

Acknowledging that providing access to places for physical activity, such as tracks and trails, increases the level of physical activity in the community, West Wimmera Health Service provided funds to enable the Rainbow Trailblazers to conduct a community conversation about the project. Rainbow Learning Group and Neighbourhood House auspiced the project and Rainbow Bowls Club hosted the community meeting.

1.2 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Fifty-six people, including 12 children, attended the community conversation held on Monday, 17 May 2021 at Rainbow Bowls Club.

This community conversation consisted of a SWOT assessment to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the potential project. This generated a comprehensive set of opinions and feedback that can be used to inform a future track and trail strategy.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2003). *Trails for Health: Promoting healthy lifestyles & environments*. https://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/pdf/trails_policymakers_july_2003.pdf

² Stender, K. (2017). *The business of trails*. <https://ro.ecu.edu.au/theses/1957>

2. OUTCOMES OF THE CONVERSATION

Determining this community support for a network of tracks and trails at Rainbow involved gathering the opinions and perspectives of residents and making efforts to understand the wide range of viewpoints from within the community.

Those who attended the community conversation agreed that a network of tracks and trails in Rainbow would connect people with each other and special places, encourage community health and wellbeing and contribute to the town's vibrant local economy.

While tourism, economic development and environmental factors were mentioned, the main purpose of the tracks and trails is understood to be to primarily service the local community and local attractions, and to contribute to community health and wellbeing by improving the liveability of Rainbow.

Once built, the tracks and trails will be used regularly by regional and local residents for recreation, transport, health and wellbeing and may connect to community services, open space areas and features such as the Innovation Centre's sensory garden. They may attract some regional and intrastate visitors when the silos in Rainbow join the Silo Art Trail.



Benefits of a network of local tracks and trails to the Rainbow community were broadly identified as:



Health

Improved physical and mental wellbeing

“Tracks and trails in Rainbow means fun, socialising, getting outside, creating YouTube content, exercising and meeting new people.”



Recreation activities

More activities for residents, especially children

“Tracks and trails in Rainbow means I can get home after school and go to a trail track without the fuss of having my parent drive an hour to Horsham, just to go ride some trails and tracks on my bike.”



Accessibility and inclusion

Accessible, shared pathways that provide corridors for walking, jogging, cycling and for people of all ages and all abilities, and for those with prams

“When walking with my baby in the pram I often have to resort to walking along the road.”



Social connection

New family-friendly outdoor recreation activities and opportunities for social connection

“To me, a network of tracks and trails in Rainbow means people getting together outside and having a good time.”



Safety

Enabling young people and those without vehicle transport to move around the community without having to share the road with vehicles

*“Turning problem areas into assets.”
“It would be safer on trails and tracks than roadways.”*



Environment

Green corridors for local wildlife, places for birdwatching

“More shade bearing trees and revegetation planting along trail routes.”



Economy

Could become a tourist trail that connects local points of interest, and might create bike-related business opportunities

*“Creating a Rainbow experience”.
“Be able to utilise the natural features of Rainbow – to be safely able to explore our nature and public land like the golf course, old racecourse and railway.”*

2.2 SWOT ASSESSMENT

The themes of the community conversation are provided as a SWOT assessment, describing the key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that the community feels must be taken into consideration in the development and implementation of a tracks and trails strategy for Rainbow.

STRENGTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved accessibility and connectivity across the township• Will provide opportunities that encourage activity, fitness and wellbeing• Will enable young people and those without vehicle transport to move around the community and be active without having to share the road with vehicles• Shared paths that facilitate biking and walking will make recreation a stronger feature of the community• They will improve local amenity and contribute to a higher quality of life that will be an important factor in the attraction of residents, tourists and businesses to Rainbow• Trails provide opportunities for families and friends to enjoy time together, enhancing quality of life
WEAKNESSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding is required• Some of the land is owned by VicTrack• Red tape – insurance, VicTrack rules and regulations, government bureaucracy• Depending on where the tracks and trails are built, they may be alongside roads with trucks• The tracks and trails area will require maintenance• Lack of local tradespeople to build the tracks and trails
OPPORTUNITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activities along the trail that attract young people – jumps, BMX tracks, bike competitions, remote control car races, gopher racing, outdoor gym• Bike-related tourism and business opportunities• Art along the tracks and trails• Discovery trails• Could be linked to the mountain bike/BMX/pump skills course proposed in the Rainbow Recreation Reserve master plan
THREATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of funding• Permission required from stakeholders and landowners

A full copy of the compiled results of the community consultation held at the Rainbow Bowls Club on Monday 17 May 2021 is presented in Appendix B.

3. PATHWAY FORWARD

The people of Rainbow who attended the community conversation have shown support for trails and tracks that primarily service their local community.

Community members provided high-level advice about where they thought the tracks and trails could go. Management and decision making of those tracks and trails remains with Hindmarsh Shire Council.

Collaboration between the community and Hindmarsh Shire Council is fundamental to the future success of these proposed tracks and trails. To progress this project, Rainbow Trailblazers could:

Phase 1: Leadership and collaboration

Secure Council support and leadership for the project and request Rainbow Trailblazers to be identified as a community stakeholder or Community Reference Group for the project.

Phase 2: Feasibility

Support the development of a feasibility study. This would confirm the location of tracks and trails and the project budget, and may involve engagement with stakeholders including key authorities, for example VicTrack if the railway siding is to be used.

Phase 3: Advocacy

Support Hindmarsh Shire Council to advocate for funding to build the tracks and trails.

Phase 4: Building

Once funding is secured, the Rainbow Trailblazers may provide input into and feedback on draft documents at key stages of the project and advice to Council and any project consultant.

Phase 5: Celebrating!

APPENDICES

- A: The difference – how Rainbow will be different with tracks and trails
- B: SWOT assessment
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APPENDIX A:

The difference

HOW WILL RAINBOW BE DIFFERENT WITH TRACKS AND TRAILS?

What might Rainbow look and feel like with tracks and trails?

BUSINESS

- Be able to utilise the natural features of Rainbow – to be safely able to explore our nature and public land like the golf course, old racecourse and railway
- Trail provides greater visual appeal when entering township. First impressions count! Particularly from C227
- Utilise spaces and areas already in place
- Benefit for local businesses by attracting customers
- Turning problem areas into assets
- Will get bikers off the roads, perhaps more interesting rides and walking away from streets

TOURISM AND VISITORS

- It would help tourism in Rainbow
- Tracks and trails could be an added attraction for Rainbow
- A great way to link the attractions of Rainbow
- More choice for visitors, e.g. caravaners
- It would help keep our town beautiful
- More people here
- It would be a fun place to visit
- Encouraging tourists
- Attract people to our community, which could vastly, positively impact our economy and isolation
- Encourage people to walk more than just around town
- Discovery trails
- It will make Rainbow unique to other towns and give Rainbow a bigger face

HOBBIES/OUTDOORS

- Bring local regional communities together and people in
- Get younger people outside
- It will give our communities something else to do
- Enjoying the great outdoors
- Bird-watching huts
- Hobbies e.g. photography, birdwatching, native flora and fauna
- Total support

- Great stuff
- A pump track would be used a lot
- Our boys are so excited about improved cycle tracks in town
- Please include a bike jump line
- Walking tracks from north end of town to south end out to the Rainbow Lake
- Work done already - see sketches of what walking path and bike skills courses from Hands on Learning Centre, Rainbow Recreation Reserve, and walking corridor within Lions Plantation
- Tracks and trails in Rainbow mean I can get home after school and go to a trail track without the fuss of having my parent drive an hour to Horsham, just to go ride some trails and tracks on my bike
- I'm so excited to be a part of this project and I can't wait for the things to come
- Tracks and trails in Rainbow mean fun, socialising, getting outside, creating YouTube content, exercising and meeting new people

ACTIVE & HEALTH

- Linking all attractions in town together
- Keep our community active
- Attract a lot more people
- Better health and fitness outcomes across all age groups
- Fitness for kids of all ages in close proximity
- More alive: more people exercising; safer for walkers, runners and bikers; disabled-friendly; gophers
- Places to run around
- Something to do after school
- Exercise
- Improve health through exercise
- More activities for younger kids
- Things for teenagers to do and younger kids. This has been absent
- All abilities access/ sections with exercise stations
- More people will get outside and be active
- More opportunities to build confidence
- It would encourage people to be active
- Great for kids away from busy roads and getting children and adults out of the house
- More community involvement in a common goal
- Entice more people to exercise and get out of the house
- Two photographs of a bike track with the following comments: Turn the sand, soil, and stone pit into this, please try to make this happen, I LOVE this idea!
- Some exercise equipment suitable for all abilities staggered throughout the walk, e.g. tai chi wheel, cycle seat, dexterity bar, hand cycle
- The exercise equipment that is currently at the football oval is fantastic but I am unable to use it because you need to step over a railway sleeper and walk through bark chips to get to them. A flat level surface to walk on would be heaps better.
- To me, a network of tracks and trails in Rainbow means people getting together outside and having a good time
- Tracks and trails in Rainbow means the Stas boys' YouTube channel wouldn't have to get our dad to come help us to build jumps!

SAFETY

- Safer for everyone
- Give us somewhere to walk, run, or ride safely
- Road safety, regional safety, safe from snakes etc., safe place for all
- Widen the caravan trail track so people can walk side by side
- Getting away from walking on roads, to be safer – safer to exercise
- Parents have more time to relax because kids will be safer away from roads
- It would be safer on trails and tracks than roadways
- It will keep kids safe
- Section with all abilities area – play areas and interactive spaces
- Exercise opportunities for people incl. with mobility issues
- Gopher access
- A path suitable for gopher/wheelchair access, I believe is important so that all abilities can enjoy the area
- When walking with my baby in the pram I often have to resort to walking along the road
- Petition Council to connect more footpaths so people can safely get to supermarket on foot from either end of town would be great
- Double width walking tracks so people can walk and talk, or use mobility aids
- Separate bike trail parallel to walking tracks for safety

ENVIRONMENT


- Opportunity to green Australia – make Rainbow a showpiece at the end of the line
- Opportunity to use land which is not being utilised
- Getting in touch with nature
- Plant shade-bearing trees to create a cooler micro-climate in the walking track areas
- A covered outdoor setting (like the new one in the gardens) to sit and relax and to look at nature
- Dog park area in town
- Like solar lights for evening and early morning walks
- Would like solar lights along the paths
- Cycle/walking track along railway track out to Albacutya Silo would be awesome
- More shade bearing trees and revegetation planting along trail routes

CONNECTIONS

- Building healthy social connection through shared interests
- Increased activity and equity
- Community connection
- Improve social interaction
- Meet new people
- Something to do when bored
- Spaces for teenagers to be active without their mobile phones
- Linkage to community garden including herbal gardens, Innovation Centre sensory garden

SOCIAL

- Improve social interaction
- Socialisation
- Social activity for all ages

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- Benefit for social inclusion along tracks and trails
 - Engaging our youth more effectively; feeling of ownership
 - Takes you on a journey through Rainbow's various environments
 - More spaces for kids and the school to come for PE and sports activities
 - A more inclusive playground for everyone would be good too, and even a little track for kids with road signs etc. to teach road rules on their bikes in a safe environment.

ART

- Art trail
- Could encourage people, especially the young, that dreams can be achieved and no goal is too big

APPENDIX B:

SWOT Assessment

The results of the community consultation held at the Rainbow Bowls Club on Monday 17 May 2021 are compiled and presented below as a SWOT assessment, describing the key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that the community feels must be taken into consideration in the development and implementation of a tracks and trails strategy for Rainbow.

STRENGTHS

What are the local benefits of having tracks and paths?

What great things could happen for us and our community if we build these?

MENTAL HEALTH

- Improving mental and physical health
- Healthy community
- Healthier community, tourism, environment and mental health
- Support mental health as it will reduce stress and alleviate volatile emotions

SOCIAL CONNECTION

- People to towns/touristy things to do
- Bringing in active groups, e.g. cyclists, hikers
- Discovery trails; art, history, information on discoveries, info on flora and fauna
- Healthy social interactions reduce feelings of isolation across all ages and abilities
- For youth, supports positive healthy emotions and feelings of inspiration

TOURISM AND ECONOMY BENEFITS

- Economy may increase, due to increased visitors, longer stays
- Visitors to town get a complete look at town; Yurunga Homestead, Silo Art Trail etc.
- Businesses
- Bring more people to the town

- Could be used as a tourist trail around town
- Join up the different attractions of the town; historical, natural, and current
- New residents to meet people; introduce to groups
- Ties to other projects: i.e. lake, caravan park, silos
- Giving kids and groups responsibility

ACTIVE

- Create group activities, i.e. help build it, keep it tidy, maintain it
- Activities for young people, motorbikes, walking, running
- Kids will want to get out more
- Exercise
- Better health outcomes
- Active lifestyle great for physical health

SAFETY

- Safe place for everyone to ride – instead of roads
- Ride in safety
- Safe community
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety

A LEGACY

- Including people in the creation: generational
- Being part of something that will stay

OUR COMMUNITY IS RESOURCEFUL

- Rainbow has a time for getting things done when convinced of a need. Let's do it!
- People learning from each other, skill building
- Intergenerational learning

- Kids involved
- Master plan for Rainbow Recreation Reserve includes a designated area for mountain bike/BMX/pump skills course which will build confidence in cyclists
- Lots of readily available materials in Rainbow that can be used as resources to build cost effective bike tracks

WEAKNESSES

What stands in our way? What might our community need to consider or deal with first if we are going to build these new tracks and trails?

ALL RESOURCES – TIME, MONEY, PEOPLE

- The next step. Make it happen. Time frame from tonight to the next step
- Time to apply for grants
- Volunteers are overrun
- Lack of funding, hard to get the dollars
- Lack of volunteers
- Manpower!
- Volunteers? People power
- Money time safety
- Time and function
- Getting all the resources
- Time – enthusiasm
- Volunteers – time
- Pessimistic people
- \$\$\$
- Money/time
- Finances
- The money needed
- Lack of funding

SAFETY

- Financial limits/safety issues
- OH&S
- Trucks that drive close to the paths
- Big signs with "Cyclists Ahead" – 16 kms out
- A path/bike track that runs alongside road, i.e. Beulah, Uptown and Nhill roads

- One-way or two-way tracks/wide trails?
- Who will maintain the area?

RED TAPE AND PERMISSION

- Working with first nations people – Parks Victoria, VicTrack, Council
- VicTrack's rules and regulations
- Government bureaucracy
- Permission from various organisations and individuals
- Government policies/red tape
- Seeking appropriate permissions from landowners to build tracks and trails
- Funding
- Gaining Hindmarsh Shire support
- Privately owned land
- Getting permission from VicTrack
- Heritage and Aboriginal overlays

INSURANCE

- Insurance! If someone gets injured, "someone" has to pay
- Insurance for exercise equipment
- Use responsibility
- Slippery dirt that causes falls

EXPERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING

- Tradesmen shortage
- Lack of skills and knowledge
- Who will build it? (If you build it, they will come)
- Lack of support
- Golf club allowing scenic paths to high point of course where there is a spectacular Mallee view
- Hire trades people
- Not being able to agree on final ideas
- A clear path – room to make a track or 16:1
- Vandalism

OPPORTUNITIES

Thinking big: what new opportunities will these paths create for our town?

COMPETITIONS

- Bike racing competition
- Motor sports events generating money
- Picture of a cup with '#BikeRider' on it
- Mountain bike riding competitions
- Gopher racing
- Tractor pull competitions
- Remote control car races
- Jump track/Active kids, active minds/competitions
- Known as a healthy town
- People coming and discovering our local area: ECO Tourism
- Promoting our town by popular people coming here
- Attract popular bike riders and professionals
- Farmland, Big Desert views, Lake Albacutya
- We have large development grants now in place – now is the time to work with Tourism Victoria

DESTINATION: ART/NATURE

- Miniature motorised tourist train
- Tourists and walkers' destination
- Tourism destination: art or nature trail
- Creating new hobbies
- Leader in physical activity
- Interpretive and educational signs
- Track to Albacutya Silo
- Track to Enduro site

TOURISM

- Tourism map
- Events
- Cycling walking track to new lake
- Jump Bike – different degrees of difficulty – teaching determination and focus
- Running events, organised events
- 4WD driver training
- Expansion of tracks out to and within the Rainbow Rises Enduro racetrack
- Utilise tracks within Rainbow Golf Course
- Cycle/walking track out to Albacutya Silo (our own rail trail)
- Eco tourism benefits for the town and our Shire (economic benefits for town)
- Linking up with the Wimmera Discovery Trail from Jeparit to Rainbow
- Historical walks around town, town interest spots, murals

SHOPS

- Competitions
- Bike races and competitions
- Pop-up shops when events get hosted /food & bike equipment
- Maybe a shop with bike and scooter parts
- More money for shops
- More retail in town to support tracks

ART

- Kids – the opportunity for something else, new
- Linking areas, i.e. Silos Art Trail, Outlet Creek, Lake Albacutya, Yapee Silo
- Get older people to exercise
- Workshops on bike riding and exercise
- Creating a “Rainbow experience” i.e. hiking trek, cycle tours
- More families
- Bring in artists to create art installations along a walking track
- Cycling walking track to the silo

- You can get fit
- Involving different groups, different demographics. Both within town and from farther away
- Connecting with Hindmarsh, Albacutya Lake, through discovery trails with points of interest, info. spots

RESIDENTS

- Perception that Rainbow is a liveable town
- Professional people coming to town
- Job opportunities

THREATS

What external factors – things from outside Rainbow that we can't control – might stop these tracks and trails being built??

- Funding / money
- VicRoads and VicTrack red tape
- Having Barenji Gadjin Land Council actively on board
- Tourists connecting with the attractions
- Funding
- Climate change
- Pandemic (x2)
- No money
- Permissions: VicRoads, State Government, land holders, VicTrack, Grain Corp, Shire
- Government grant
- Weather (x2)
- COVID-19 (x2)
- Deterioration and maintenance
- Environment/money/roads/insurance/red tape
- Cost – Council limitations, safe road and rail crossings
- Not being able to get resources
- Rurality – population
- Might be a danger
- Snakes could bite you
- Snakes and broken glass
- Politicians
- No more food
- Lack of community support
- Dealing with an emergency
- Economic recession/deficit in budget
- Lack of funding opportunities
- Can't think of any other than travel restrictions
- COVID-19 and negative local attitudes

Pictures of:

- Broken glass
- A snake
- A car
- An aeroplane
- A big truck cab or tractor

OTHER

- Dog park, for off-leash?
- Figurehead, regular updates and maintenance
 - Signage – ‘Welcome to Rainbow’, ‘population’, etc.

APPENDIX C:

Location brainstorming

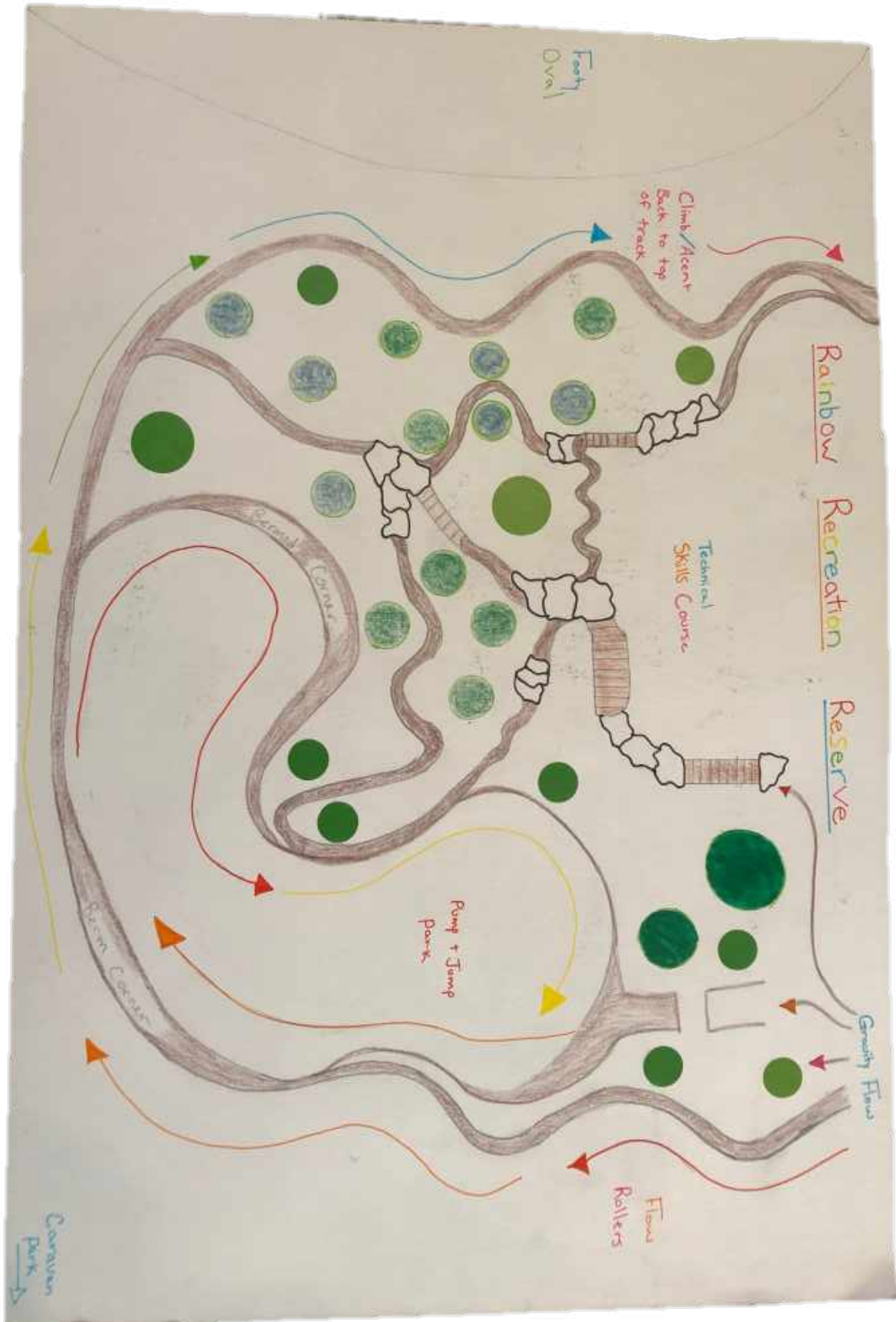
Community members identified a number of potential locations for tracks and trails in Rainbow, along with multiple locations for a pump track.

- Walking tracks from north end of town to south end out to the Rainbow Lake
- Old shooting range: Sam still shoots out there and this would need to be stopped
- West paddock – school land – not suited to pump track as it's too far away
- Need to go to the new lake
- Links to Outlet Creek, silos, reserves
- Link to lookout
- Connect to Silo Art Trail
- Connect Yaapeet to Albacutya to Rainbow
- See sketches attached of the walking path and info on bike skills courses by Hands on Learning Centre, Rainbow Recreation Reserve, and walking corridor within Lions Plantation
- Master Plan for Rainbow Recreation Reserve includes a designated area for mountain bike/BMX/pump skills course which will build confidence in cyclists
- Expansion of tracks out to and within the Rainbow Rises Enduro racetrack
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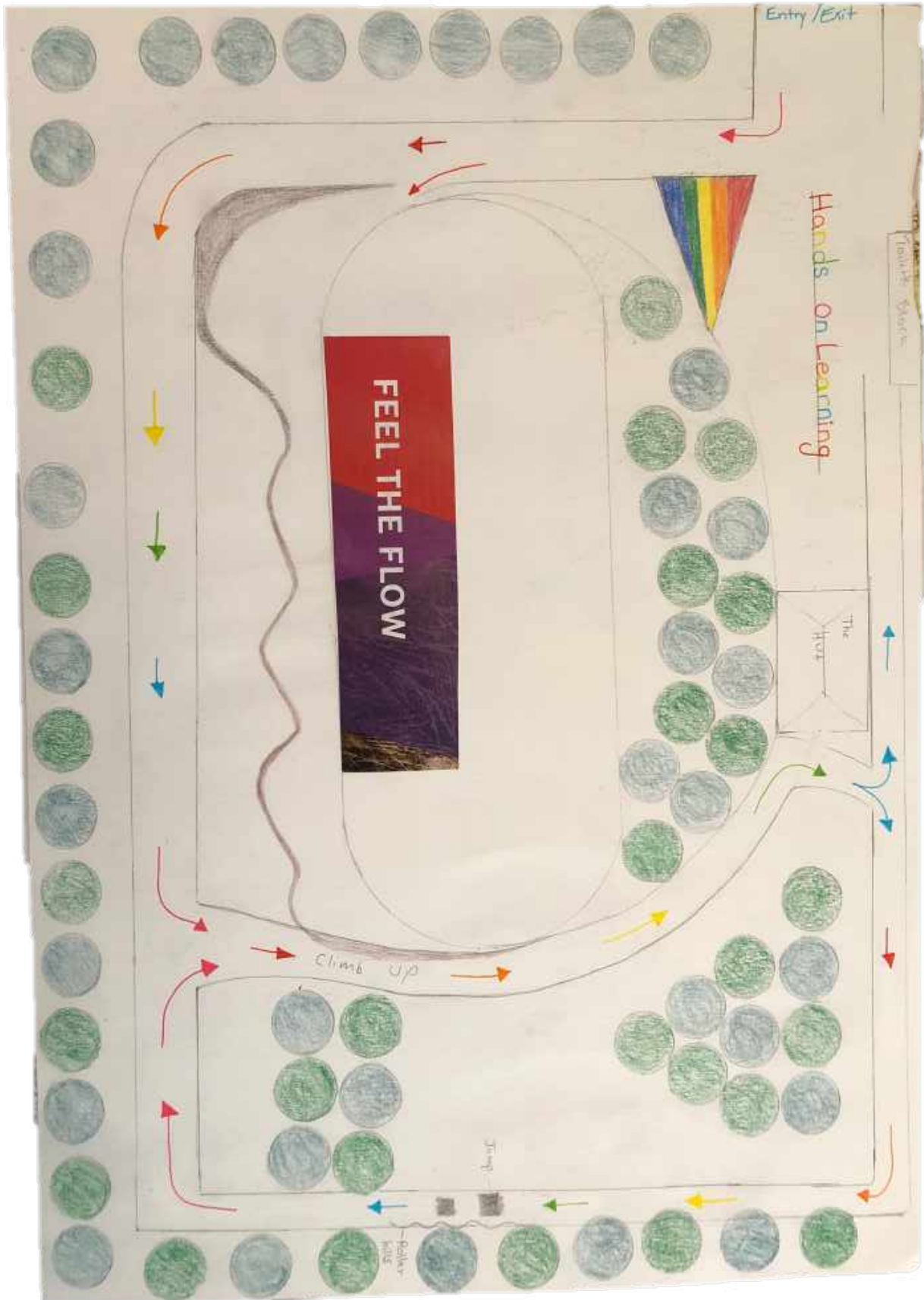
A copy of the Lions Plantation walking and cycling track plan was provided.



A copy of the Rainbow Recreation reserve technical skills course plan was provided.



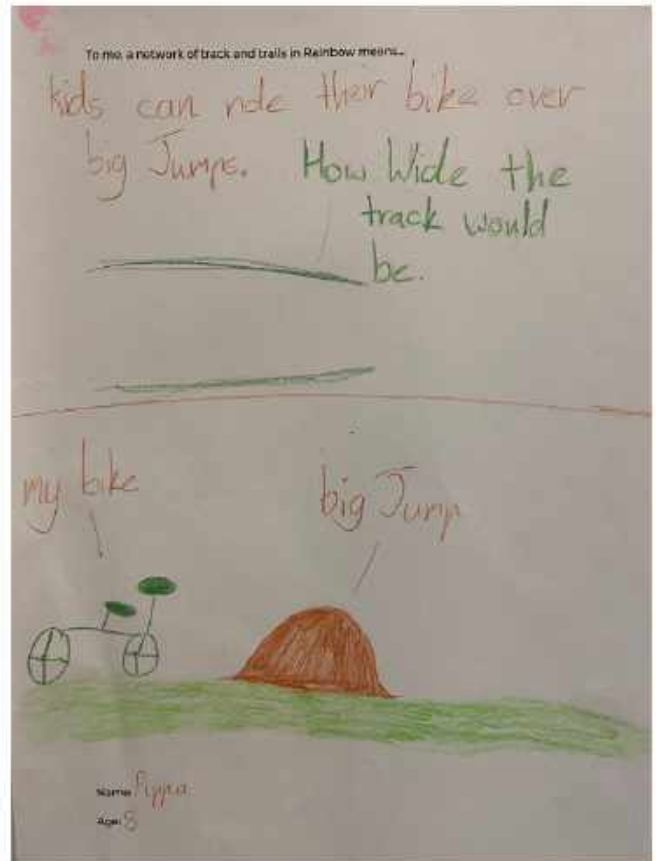
A copy of the *Hands on Learning* cycling pump track plan was provided.



APPENDIX D:

Children's contribution

Young children at the community conversation provided drawings to show what a network of tracks and trails in Rainbow would mean to them.



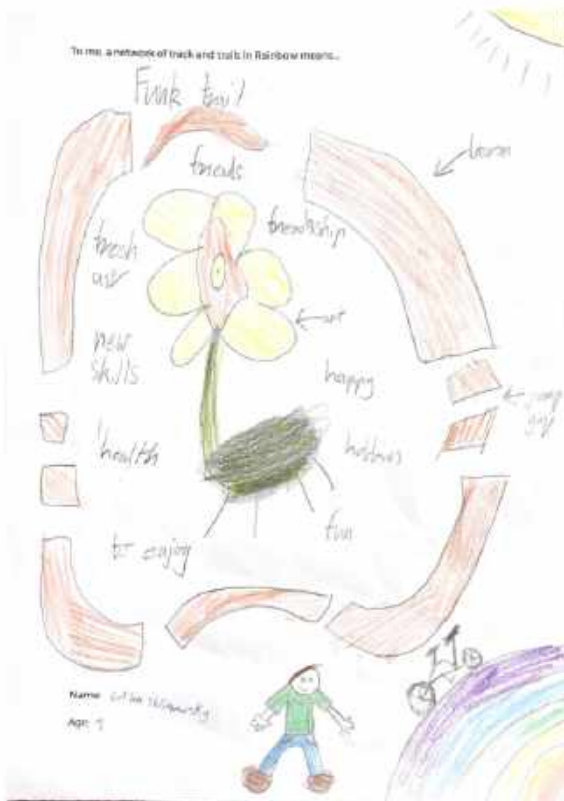


To me a network of track and trails in Rainbow means...

To me a network of track and trails in Rainbow means people getting together outside and having a good time. Tracks and trails in Rainbow means I can get home after school and go to a trails road without any fuss of having my parents go.

drive an hour to horsham just to go ride some tracks and trails in my life. Tracks and trails in Rainbow means the 500 boys yards channel wouldn't have to get our dad to come help us with jumps. Tracks and trails in Rainbow means fun, exercising, getting outside, yards channel, exercising and meeting new people. I'm so excited to be a part of this project and I can't wait for the things to come.

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Age: 13

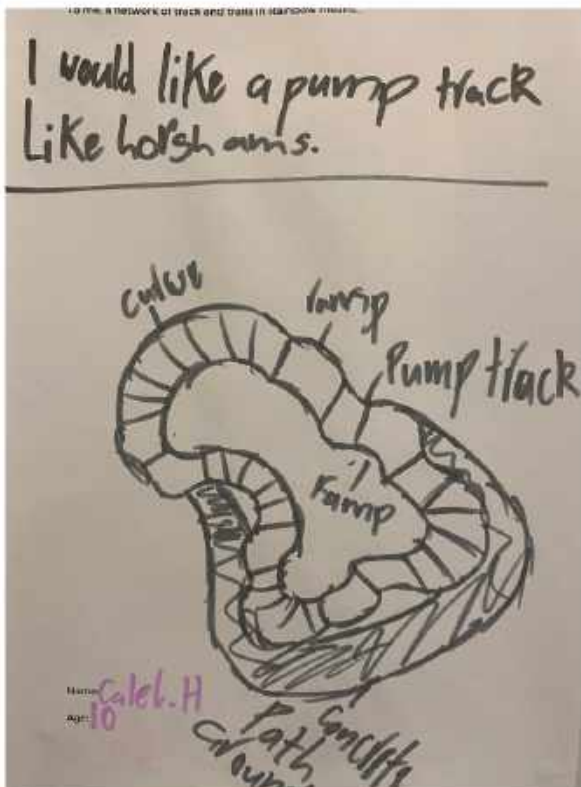
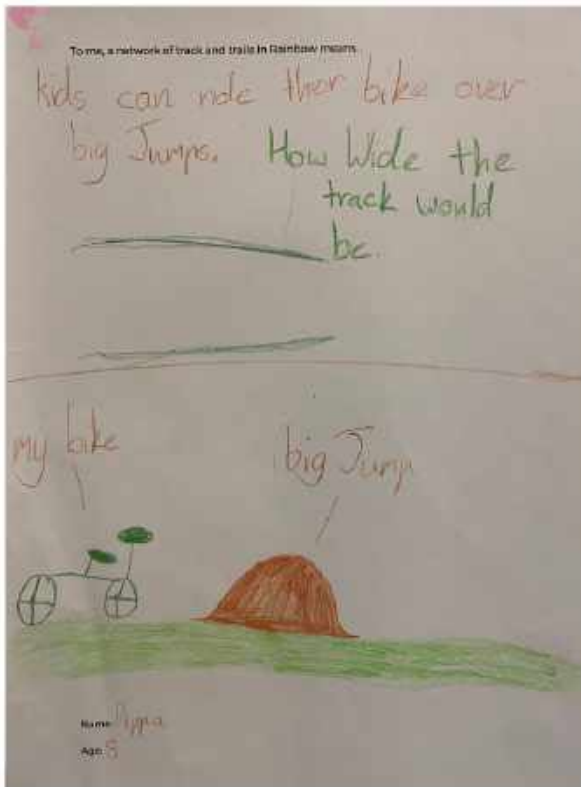


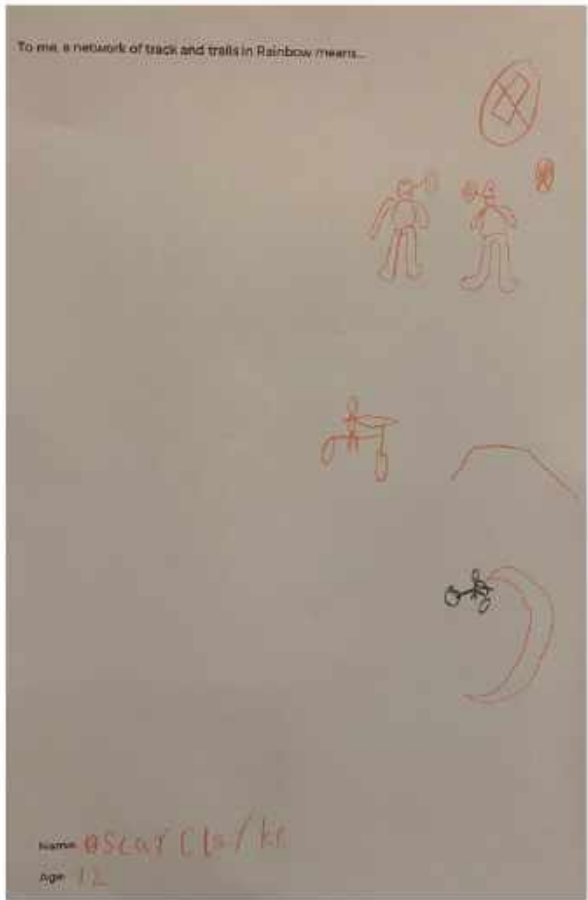
Name: Chloe Szeinowsky
Age: 7



Elsie Szeinowsky Face Bike Track

To me a network of track and trails in Rainbow means...





APPENDIX E:

Workshop evaluation

A target evaluation was undertaken at the conclusion of the workshop.



Introduction

West Wimmera Health Service (WWHS) commends the Hindmarsh Shire Council on the development of the Health and Wellbeing portion of the Council Plan. The integration of the Health and Wellbeing Plan in the larger Council Plan provides a strong platform for action on the key identified focus areas.

WWHS recognises the relevance of the Council Plan 2021-25 to the health service. There is a correlation in our strategic objectives and in our work across the spectrum from advocacy to direct service and project provision. As the two entities in the area who have whole-of-life span contact with our citizens, we have much in common.

Method

WWHS undertook a short Executive level focus group to review the Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan, with particular attention to areas of common interest, influence and potential shared activity. The WWHS Health Promotion team will continue to liaise with various craft groups across the organisation to identify priority areas where shared action can bring exponential co-benefits to our communities.

Discussion

Over the course of the focus group, we identified that Council Health and Wellbeing Plans in general (given that we span four local government areas) have strong relevance (scoring 7/10) for our strategic planning as a whole. We also felt that Council Plans would be factors in planning and work across the service 'sometimes' (60%) or 'often' (40%). This is not insignificant for a largely clinical organisation.

The Hindmarsh Council Plan is clear and easy to read. It sets out action areas well. The definition of Council's role in relation to actions was praised.

There was some discussion about strengthening opportunities for consultation in the earlier development phase of the plan. We recognise that the Council Plan is developed by the Councillors and that interaction between elected representatives and health service staff has not traditionally been a common occurrence. It became obvious that there would be some benefit in planning for reviews of the activities in the Plan at regular intervals over the life of the document. These reviews may be most effective if they involve both Council staff and, from time to time, Councillors, as well as senior staff from WWHS. Such consultations would, over time, develop a natural convergence and co-production of strategies and activities in support of the health and wellbeing of our community members.

The following areas of activity were seen as fertile ground for co-ordinated action and/or partnership between Hindmarsh Shire Council and WWHS.

- Health promotion
- Vaccinations
- Promoting Health Workforce
- Planned Activity Groups
- Occupational Therapy
- Meals on wheels

WWHS response to the Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan 2021-25.

- Healthy Lifestyle
- Health Promotion & Farmer health
- Early years
- Dietetics
- Community Health sessions
- Active living
- Access to recreational facilities

There is a strong correlation between these activities and the Council Plan key areas of:

- Healthy Eating
- Active Living
- Social Connectivity, and
- Improving Mental Health

The actions identified under these priorities are amenable to partnership and or/co-production with WWHS. To take just one example, many of the actions in the Physical activity area would synergise neatly with two projects of the WWHS Health Promotion Team (3in1 Towards a Healthy Town and the Physical Activity Spaces Directory). There are many other touch-points for shared activity that will enhance our shared capability to deliver healthier communities who share an enhanced sense of wellbeing.

Our chief interest in reviewing the Hindmarsh Council Plan was to ensure that it will continue to enhance and support a strong working relationship between the two organisations, providing scope to plan, work and evaluate together. That scope certainly exists and the language of the larger Plan will provide for further exploration of these synergies over time. Our feedback, therefore, is not specific with regard to detail of particular activities and opportunities. We see that there is potential to grow a working relationship further and to respond together to emerging issues and new projects arising from our communities over the life of the Plan.

Recommendations

As agencies with responsibilities and priorities derived from the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-23, both WWHS and Hindmarsh Shire Council have interdependencies of priority and practice. There is much to be gained from further enhancing how we work together.

With that in mind, the following recommendations are made:

1. That WWHS staff will continue to liaise regularly with the Hindmarsh Shire Director of Corporate and Community Services, EHO, community development and library staff and other staff on a regular basis.
2. That Hindmarsh Shire endorse the current working relationship between the Wimmera sub-region Council's EHOs and the WWHS Health Promotion Team with regard to the Health and Wellbeing priority areas (anticipated to be a quarterly meeting)
3. That Hindmarsh Shire Council consider collaborative mid-term review of the Health and Wellbeing component of the Shire Plan in a process that involves key stakeholders, including representation from the Hindmarsh Shire Councillors

WWHS would be very happy to further discuss these recommendations at any time.

Mary Mason

Submission Date Sep 10, 2021 10:06 AM

Full Name Mary Mason

Address Dimboola

E-mail

Phone Number

Submission details: Two points:

1

Protection of our natural and indigenous heritage is commendable; however, it is important to include the maintenance of our heritage assets and streetscapes which have always been a major tourist attraction.

Providing upgraded infrastructure for tourism is vital but so is the retention of the historic soul of our towns, which draws the tourists here in the first place.

In the absence of a Hindmarsh Council heritage officer and a local heritage study, it would be beneficial to take steps to formalise communication channels with each town's historical societies to ensure the streetscapes are not marred by inappropriate development and signage.

Recognition of our history also provides benefit to the health and well-being of our community. The Tower Park in Dimboola is an example of how a community came together to remedy the loss of the Dimboola Hotel, a major landmark and a site that played a part in many Dimboola resident's lives.

I would like to see the Attractive Streetscapes section include the protection of our heritage-built environment.

2

People 65 years and over are a vital part of our community, have jobs and contribute countless volunteer hours to support the region. It would be appropriate to modify or remove the dated and ageist graphic within the demographic snapshot, which suggests that those over 65 are infirm.

Request to be heard at Council meeting on Wednesday 22 September 2021 in relation to submission?

No

Council plan 2021-2025
community vision2040

Dear Council,

I am writing to comment on the draft 2040 vision and 2021-2025 plans. I am disappointed that the deadline for this submission has not been delayed as the community has not yet had a chance to talk face to face with both Councillors and Shire Officers. I might add that we were unable to have face to face discussions regarding the 2021-22 budget, leading me to wonder whether this actually meets the requirements for community consultation on these items of paramount importance for the Shire.

Please find below my comments/Questions as to the vision and plan document, this should be read in conjunction with the Hindmarsh Shire Council Council plan 2021 -2025 and community vision 2040. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerley
Wendy J Werner

Community Vision:

Why isn't our community vision aligned with the state government's goals of net Zero emissions by 2050.. In our community vision there is no mention of reducing carbon emissions? This would include an emphasis on waste management/recycling etc such as the recently announced mobile glass crushing unit, education of the community on recycling and sustainability, increased energy efficiency in housingetc

The ABC reported:“The Victorian government has committed to cutting the state's greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030.

‘The plan includes \$20 million to reduce emissions in the agricultural sector and \$15.3m for a carbon farming program.

Government operations, including schools, hospitals, and police stations, will be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy by 2025, an Australian first.

The state will work towards reductions targets of 28 to 33 per cent by 2025, and 45 to 50 per cent by 2030, to achieve the goal of net zero emissions by 2050.

We could easily set our own targets for all shire owned assets powered by renewables by 2040...but there is no such vision here.

Council Plan:

Our Community: I welcome the Shire's use of a broad range of communication.

The Shire still has a way to go here. Case in point the advertising for the community engagement in the plan and vision was not well advertised...Your own “who we are” demographic shot admits that 26.3% of households are not connected to the internet, so while the Shire does a great job of sending information via emails and advertisements in the paper, it is well known in our community that either letter box drops or at the very least posters in the supermarket post office and pharmacy works well. It was also confusing to people that there were two meetings on the same evening. This

was not well understood in the community. I note that the latest cinema flyer had nothing on the back and could easily have been used to advertise job vacancies and upcoming community engagement meetings.

I also welcome a redevelopment of the Councils website, it often takes quite a bit of insight to understand where certain information might be found.

I hope that the Shire finds innovative ways to support all volunteers within the Shire. It often feels like Shire Officers treat us more as employees rather than volunteers giving up our precious time for the community... red tape seems to be accumulating at a rapid rate, clouding the joy of volunteering.

Lets work to break down barriers on class, ethnicity, and gender, and create an inclusive environment for ALL residents.

I wonder what Council envisions as preparing for emergencies and natural disasters. Is this just crucifying our trees every couple of months to keep them away from powerlines (streetsweepers etc), or is it working toward insulating/burying or finding other **innovative** alternatives for our powerlines, I look forward to hearing about other bushfire prevention strategies. (noting that trees are essential to preventing our planet warming, and therefore the prevention of extreme weather events and therefore bushfires and to create wildlife habitat).

As the Shire thinks about supporting multicultural community events, lets celebrate them in each of the towns rather than just in Nhill.

Library services: are we going to hold an official opening for our library here in Jeparit?, are we going to finish it with our outdoor furniture and shade sail?

How will Jeparit benefit from the advocacy of learning and skill development opportunities for all ages?

It would be fantastic to have some sort of public transport between Jeparit and Nhill. It is impossible to get anything delivered (eg hardware) from Nhill, it would be great for our residents to be able to travel to Nhill for an outing, support the local cafe's , attend events etc.

Maintenance of our roads. How will the new B- double roads effect road maintenance and renewal? Will it significantly impact on the cost associated with repair and renewal? How will the Shire address this? Are we advocating to widen the vicroads such as Jeparit-Nhill, Jeparit- Warracknabeal, Jeparit-Dimboola. It is really dangerous to pass these large trucks on the narrow sections of the road!

Is the Shire planning to encourage more passive recreational activities, and less formal active recreation rather than clinging to the traditional model of organised sports which does not work for large parts of the community?

I welcome a plan to implement a range of environmentally sustainable practices throughout the Shire, and hope that includes sporting facilities and support for community assets.

Improvement of our waste management will this include recycling green waste rather than burning it? Will we see a recycle area where goods dropped off at our transfer stations that can be reused/repurposed by others in the community, or a hard rubbish collection a couple of times a year can reduce landfill. Will Jeparit get an E waste (incl batteries, printer cartridges) drop off point now

that we have a larger customer service area? Will the rural drop off points increase our municipal collection rates or will that be a separate fee for service for our farmers?

Will more resources be allocated to 'maintain' attractive streetscapes. Jeparit's streetscapes are not currently well maintained which affects the mood of the community and the impression of visitors? If more resources are not allocated, how does the Shire intend to achieve this goal? We have been promised a revamp of the main street and Broadway for years now....why doesn't this get done? If tourism is our number 1 economic strategy how can we invite tourists if our main street looks totally uncared for?

Review and implement Councils Economic Development Strategy.does this refer to the plan for 2015-2020. Surely it is time to update rather than just review and implement. COVID has dramatically changed the economic landscape of our rural communities. This can most immediately be seen by the hot real estate market, influx of residents rather than investors/holiday houses and the lack of rental housing available. Perhaps we should be encouraging new small business enterprises with the influx of new residents. Anecdotally, Hindmarsh has a difficult reputation with regard to planning and building. The Shire should look at these process to streamline them and enable new business to flourish, rather than finding a process that is difficult to navigate, and perhaps educate.

What can WDA and RCV bring to us? What have they brought to us in the past? Can we utilise these entities better to improve our community?

WRDT lets finish this part of the trail, before galloping away onto a further extension of the trail. Fulfill your promise to upgrade the rail bridge as your number one spending priority on the trail!! Promote the trail between Dimboola and Lake Hindmarsh. Improve camping facilities at four mile to become a destination for the trail. Promote it!! Get the swimming hole and caravan park projects off the ground. The swimming hole area has had hazard tape around it for many years (at least 4) its a total eyesore, no one has even bothered to remove the saplings from the viewing area, and there are trees that have failed to thrive, just lingering on, we have been promised a camp kitchen in that area for years (probably 4 too!) it seems to just keep getting rolled out budget after budget with no progress. Lets get this done!!

It will be fantastic to get online booking for our caravan parks and camp grounds.

A skilled workforce. It would be great to see your outdoor crew educated in plant identification, growth habits, pruning techniques, garden management.

ANNUAL PLAN:

Our community

Will there be hardcopies to the newsletters for those that do not have internet access?

Why won't other towns besides Nhill be included to encourage multicultural community use of our library and community services?

Will our ageing community be supported in other towns besides Nhill? Eg seniors concerts, movie matinees, in the Jeparit town hall? Morning teas?

Why doesn't Jeparit have a community event to supportwe have a fabulous museum with the only two day event on the calendar but no event support..why not?

How does the shire intend to support volunteers week?

Will the Shire be providing programs through the Jeparit Library as promised?

Built and Natural environment

Where is the Jeparit Node, the caravan park masterplan the swimming hole updates, the camp kitchen the main street?? Where is the WRDT? Where is the river crossing ie the rail bridge?

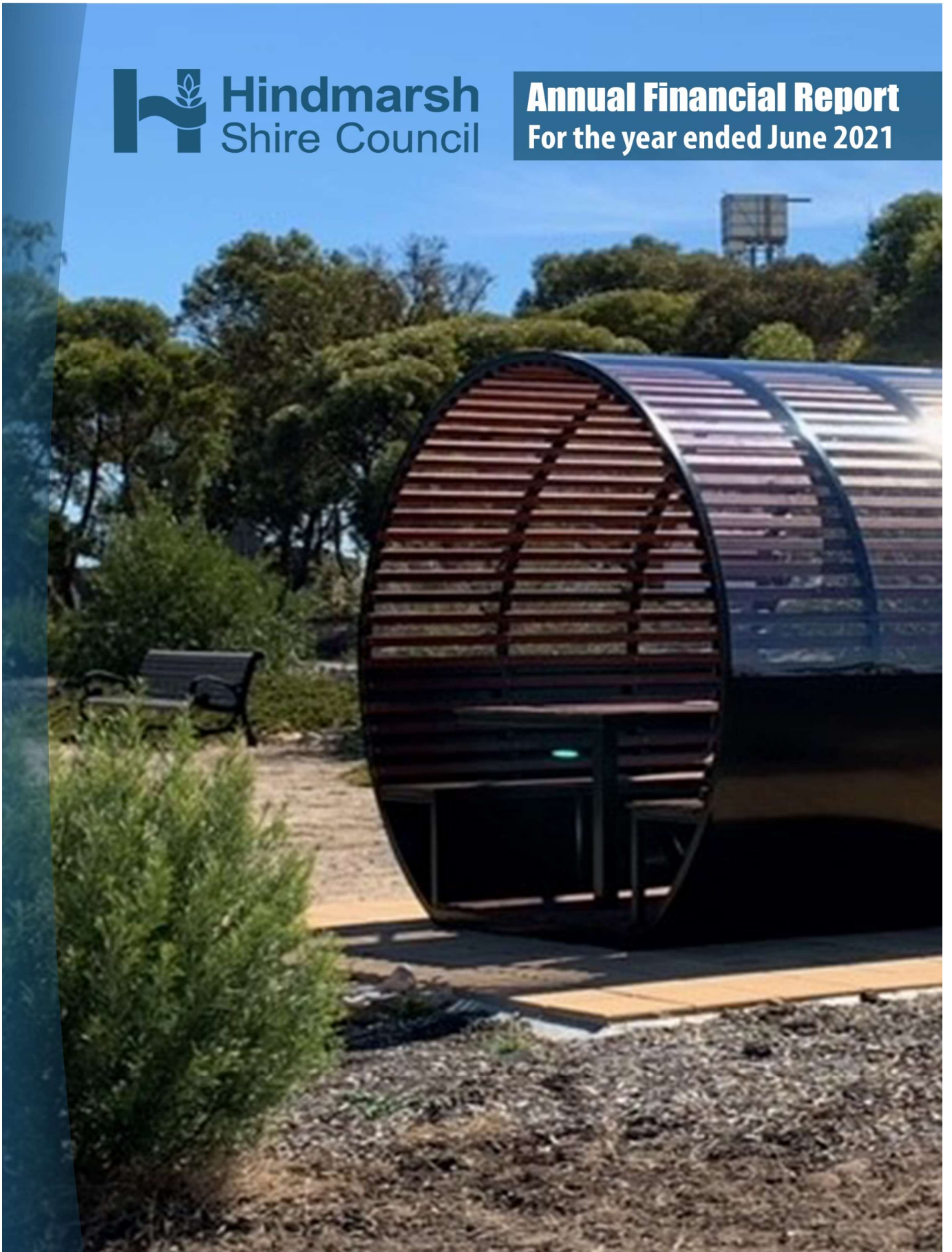
Where is the plan to implement a range of environmentally sustainable practices throughout the Shire.?

Competitive and innovative economy.

Will a business networking session be held in each town? Will there be education such as workshops for starting a new business, building a business? Navigating planning and building for new housing, repairs and renovations?

“commence a review” councils economic development strategy....lets just jump right in and get it done...we have the perfect opportunity to build on the COVID flight from the cities, lets not throw this away by taking another four years to develop an updated strategy. Ensure adequate resources and staff with the knowledge experience and drive to take our ED forward.

Is the calendar of events maintained by staff? This needs some promotion and some upgrades as the current software is difficult to work with.



Certification of the Financial Statements

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*, the Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Heather Boyd, BBAA, MBA
Principal Accounting Officer

Date : <Date>

Nhill

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial transactions of the Hindmarsh Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2021 and the financial position of the Council as at that date.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render any particulars in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council and by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* to certify the financial statements in their final form.

Cr Ron Ismay

Councillor

Date : <Date>

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Cr Melanie Albrecht

Councillor

Date : <Date>

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Greg Wood

Chief Executive Officer

Date : <Date>

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Comprehensive Income Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Income			
Rates and charges	3.1	9,076	8,829
Statutory fees and fines	3.2	257	208
User fees	3.3	1,493	1,358
Grants - operating	3.4	6,235	10,372
Grants - capital	3.4	3,879	3,763
Contributions - monetary	3.5	348	241
Net gain (or loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	3.6	76	60
Share of net profits (or loss) of associates and joint ventures	6.2	112	(74)
Other income	3.7	1,525	1,909
Total income		23,002	26,666
Expenses			
Employee costs	4.1	(7,801)	(7,292)
Materials and services	4.2	(5,081)	(7,655)
Depreciation	4.3	(6,286)	(5,416)
Other expenses	4.5	(1,435)	(1,536)
Total expenses		(20,603)	(21,899)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,399	4,767
Other comprehensive income/expenditure			
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods			
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)		(1,458)	-
Total comprehensive result		941	4,767

The above comprehensive income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2021**

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5.1	17,319	11,033
Trade and other receivables	5.1	1,138	999
Inventories	5.2	430	328
Other assets	5.2	126	249
Total current assets		19,013	12,609
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	5.1	2	2
Investments in associates, joint arrangements and subsidiaries	6.2	213	410
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	6.1	161,300	162,650
Total non-current assets		161,515	163,062
Total assets		180,528	175,671
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5.3	483	916
Unearned Revenue	5.3	4,771	525
Trust funds and deposits	5.3	101	88
Provisions	5.4	2,286	2,097
Total current liabilities		7,641	3,626
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	5.4	160	259
Total non-current liabilities		160	259
Total liabilities		7,801	3,885
Net assets		172,727	171,786
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		71,533	69,134
Reserves	9.1	101,194	102,652
Total Equity		172,727	171,786

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

2021	Note	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		171,786	69,134	102,652	-
Impact of change in accounting policy - AASB 1059: Service concession arrangements: grantors	10	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Opening balance		171,786	69,134	102,652	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,399	2,399	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	6.1	(1,458)	-	(1,458)	-
		941	2,399	(1,458)	-
Balance at end of the financial year		172,727	71,533	101,194	-

2020		Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		168,063	65,411	102,652	-
Impact of change in accounting policy - AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities		(1,044)	(1,044)	-	-
Impact of change in accounting policy - AASB 16 Leases		-	-	-	-
Adjusted Opening balance		167,019	64,367	102,652	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		4,767	4,767	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	6.1	-	-	-	-
		4,767	4,767	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		171,786	69,134	102,652	-

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 Inflows/ (Outflows) \$'000	2020 Inflows/ (Outflows) \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Rates and charges		9,001	9,397
Statutory fees and fines		23	208
User fees		1,275	2,189
Grants - operating		6,541	10,403
Grants - capital		7,820	2,628
Contributions - monetary		348	241
Interest received		83	90
Other receipts		1,477	1,819
Net GST refund/payment		390	354
Employee costs		(7,661)	(6,957)
Materials and services		(5,353)	(1,632)
Short-term, low value and variable lease payments		(1,426)	(9,615)
Trust funds and deposits repaid		(101)	(24)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		12,418	9,101
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	6.1	(6,495)	(10,093)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		363	148
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(6,132)	(9,945)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		6,286	(844)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		11,033	11,877
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		17,319	11,033
Financing arrangements	5.5		
Restrictions on cash assets	5.1		

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Statement of Capital Works
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Property			
Land		-	-
Total land		-	-
Buildings		1,277	1,218
Total buildings		1,277	1,218
Total property		1,277	1,218
Plant and equipment			
Plant, machinery and equipment		617	2,796
Fixtures, fittings and furniture		95	137
Computers and telecommunications		25	-
Library books		43	-
Total plant and equipment		780	2,933
Infrastructure			
Roads		3,296	4,462
Bridges		12	725
Footpaths and cycleways		500	249
Drainage		40	99
Other infrastructure		590	407
Total infrastructure		4,438	5,942
Total capital works expenditure		6,495	10,093
Represented by:			
New asset expenditure		644	1,687
Asset renewal expenditure		3,817	4,642
Asset upgrade expenditure		2,034	3,764
Total capital works expenditure		6,495	10,093

The above statement of capital works should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

OVERVIEW

Introduction

The Hindmarsh Shire Council was established by an Order of the Governor in Council on 20 January 1995 and is a body corporate.

The Council's main office is located at 92 Nelson Street, Nhill, Victoria.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Capital Works and Notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with the Australian Accounting Standards (AAS), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the *Local Government Act 1989*, and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The accrual basis of accounting has been used in the preparation of these financial statements, whereby assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses are recognised in the reporting period to which they relate, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Judgements, estimates and assumptions are required to be made about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated judgements are based on professional judgement derived from historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and also in future periods that are affected by the revision. Judgements and assumptions made by management in the application of AAS's that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates relate to:

- the fair value of land, buildings, infrastructure, plant and equipment (refer to Note 6.1)
- the determination of depreciation for buildings, infrastructure, plant and equipment (refer to Note 6.1)
- the determination of employee provisions (refer to Note 5.4)
- the determination of landfill provisions (refer to Note 5.4)
- the determination of whether performance obligations are sufficiently specific so as to determine whether an arrangement is within the scope of *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers* or *AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* (refer to Note 3)
- the determination, in accordance with *AASB 16 Leases*, of the lease term, the estimation of the discount rate when not implicit in the lease and whether an arrangement is in substance short-term or low value (refer to Note 5.7)
- whether or not *AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors* is applicable (refer to Note 10)
- other areas requiring judgements

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

(b) Impact of Covid-19

On 16 March 2020 a state of emergency was declared in Victoria due to the global pandemic COVID-19 virus, known as coronavirus. A state of disaster was subsequently declared on 2 August 2020. While the impacts of the pandemic have abated somewhat through the 2020-21 year, Council has noted the following significant impacts on its financial operations:

- Additional revenue – Outdoor Dining Grant, Grant for the livestreaming of Council meetings.
- Revenue reductions – reduction in revenue from hall rental, movie tickets and caravan park revenue
- Additional costs – materials provided in response to the outdoor dining grant as well as for livestreaming the Council meetings.

Note 1 Performance against budget

The performance against budget notes compare Council's financial plan, expressed through its annual budget, with actual performance. The *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* requires explanation of any material variances. Council has adopted a materiality threshold of the lower of 10 percent or \$100,000 where further explanation is warranted. Explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality threshold unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

These notes are prepared to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

1.1 Income and expenditure

	Budget 2021 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000	Variance 2021 \$'000	Variance 2021 %	Ref
Income					
Rates and charges	9,086	9,076	(10)	0%	
Statutory fees and fines	161	257	96	60%	1
User fees	1,221	1,493	272	22%	
Grants - operating	3,576	6,235	2,659	74%	2
Grants - capital	3,508	3,879	371	11%	
Contributions - monetary	53	348	295	557%	3
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	545	76	(469)	-86%	4
Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures	(50)	112	162	324%	
Other income	1,157	1,525	368	32%	
Total income	19,258	23,002	3,744	19%	
Expenses					
Employee costs	7,965	7,801	(164)	-2%	5
Materials and services	4,457	5,081	624	14%	6
Depreciation	5,499	6,286	787	14%	
Other expenses	1,987	1,435	(552)	-28%	7
Total expenses	19,908	20,603	695	3%	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(650)	2,399	3,049	469%	

(i) Explanation of material variations

Variance Ref	Item	Explanation
1	Statutory fees and fines	Statutory fees and fines are higher than budgeted largely due to a number of fire prevention fines being issued.
2	Grants - operating	Recurrent operating grants are higher than budgeted due to the receipt of half of the 2021/2022 Grants Commission funding. Council has received additional funding for aged care services.
3	Contributions - monetary	Contributions are higher than budgeted due to receipt of final payment from the Dimboola & District Sporting Club toward the female change rooms facility, monies from the Dimboola rowing club for the pontoon, and Rainbow MECCA lighting contribution.
4	Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment.	Net Gain/loss on sale of plant is lower than budgeted due to the delay in replacement of some major items of plant.
5	Employee Costs	Employee costs were below budget due to staff vacancies as well as the restrictions on staff travelling for meetings and training due to Covid-19
6	Materials and Services	Is higher than budgeted due to additional costs for aged care services, including meals on wheels which are offset by additional income.
7	Other Expenses	Other expenses is lower than anticipated due to the timing of the budget in relation to periodic payments such as utilities and insurance.

1.2 Capital works

	Budget 2021 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %	Ref
Property					
Land	-	-	-	-	
Land improvements	-	-	-	-	
Total land	-	-	-	-	
Buildings	655	1,277	622	95%	1
Heritage buildings	-	-	-	-	
Total buildings	655	1,277	622	95%	
Total property	655	1,277	622	95%	
Plant and equipment					
Plant, machinery and equipment	2,244	617	(1,627)	-73%	2
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	45	95	50	111%	3
Computers and telecommunications	-	68	68	100%	
Library books	-	-	-	0%	
Total plant and equipment	2,289	780	(1,509)	-66%	
Infrastructure					
Roads	3,331	3,296	(35)	-1%	
Bridges	0	12	12	100%	4
Footpaths and cycleways	195	500	305	156%	5
Drainage	53	40	(13)	-25%	
Other infrastructure	686	590	(96)	-14%	
Total infrastructure	4,266	4,438	172	4%	
Total capital works expenditure	7,210	6,495	(715)	-10%	
Represented by:					
New asset expenditure	447	644	197	44%	
Asset renewal expenditure	4,981	3,817	(1,164)	-23%	
Asset expansion expenditure	-	-	-	0%	
Asset upgrade expenditure	1,782	2,034	252	14%	
Total capital works expenditure	7,210	6,495	(715)	-10%	

(i) Explanation of material variations

Variance Ref	Item	Explanation
1	Buildings	The variance in actual expenditure to budgeted is due to the timing of the Dimboola library and Civic Hub project and the value of carried forward money for this project not reflected in the current year budget.
2	Plant and Machinery	The purchase of plant and machinery is lower than budgeted as Council has not yet received plant and fleet that have been ordered.
3	Fixtures, fittings and furniture	The increased expenditure is due to the installation of Conferencing and Livestream equipment in the Community Centre (grant funded).
4	Bridges	Grant funding was received in 2020/2021 to replace the Albacutya Bridge, with preliminary work commencing this financial year.
5	Footpaths and cycleways	This variance is mainly due to the phasing of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail which is a project carried forward from 2019/2020.

Note 2 Analysis of Council results by program

Council delivers its functions and activities through the following programs.

2 (a) Community Liveability

Community Liveability focuses on achieving an actively engaged community, providing a range of effective and accessible services to support the health and wellbeing of our community, and promoting a community that is physically active with access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and recreation facilities.

Built and Natural Environment

Built and Natural Environment focuses on provision of well maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs. A community that reduces its reliance on water and manages this resource wisely. A healthy natural environment and a community living more sustainably.

Competitive and Innovative Economy

A strong rural economy and thriving towns, a thriving tourism industry, modern and affordable information and communication technology through the municipality, and transport solutions that support the needs of our communities and businesses.

Our People, Our Processes

This area of Council focuses on long term financial sustainability, quality customer services, an engaged, skilled Council and workforce capable of meeting community needs, efficient and effective information communications technology. Providing support for the community in the areas of emergency preparedness, response and recovery. Also, an organisation that takes its risk management responsibilities seriously and embeds a culture of risk management throughout the organisation.

2 (b) Summary of revenues, expenses, grant revenue and assets by program

	Income	Expenses	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Grants included in income	Total assets
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2021					
Community Liveability	2,342	(2,557)	(215)	1,619	1,058
Built and Natural Environment	3,806	(9,484)	(5,678)	2,836	143,109
Competitive and Innovative Economy	1,524	(1,797)	(273)	426	4,423
Our People, Our Processes	15,330	(6,765)	8,565	5,233	11,671
Unattributed	-	-	-	-	1,039
	23,002	(20,603)	2,399	10,114	161,300

	Income	Expenses	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Grants included in income	Total assets
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2020					
Community Liveability	1,395	(2,512)	(1,117)	878	5,688
Built and Natural Environment	10,022	(13,761)	(3,739)	7,093	146,538
Competitive and Innovative Economy	869	(1,470)	(601)	36	1,224
Our People, Our Processes	14,454	(4,230)	10,224	6,128	19,995
Unattributed	-	-	-	-	2,226
	26,740	(21,973)	4,767	14,135	175,671

Note 3 Funding for the delivery of our services	2021	2020
3.1 Rates and charges	\$'000	\$'000

Council uses Capital Improved Value (CIV) as the basis of valuation of all properties within the municipal district. The CIV of a property is value of the land and all of its improvements.

The valuation base used to calculate general rates for 2020/21 was \$1,666.94million (2019/20 \$1,450.75million).

General rates	7,161	7,020
Municipal charge	745	746
Waste management charge	1,076	973
Revenue in lieu of rates	94	90
Total rates and charges	9,076	8,829

The date of the latest general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipal district was January 2021, and the valuation will be first applied in the rating year commencing 1 July 2021.

Annual rates and charges are recognised as revenues when Council issues annual rates notices. Supplementary rates are recognised when a valuation and reassessment is completed and a supplementary rates notice issued.

3.2 Statutory fees and fines

Animal registration fees	71	61
Building fees	55	27
Infringements and costs	46	66
Town planning fees	77	46
Land information certificates	7	6
Permits	1	2
Total statutory fees and fines	257	208

Statutory fees and fines are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs.

3.3 User fees

Aged and health services	332	343
Private works	84	104
Caravan parks & camping fees	458	356
Transfer station fees	98	90
Commercial garbage collection fees	44	43
Film screenings and hall hire	7	24
Regional Roads Victoria works	392	292
Other fees and charges	78	106
Total user fees	1,493	1,358

User fees by timing of revenue recognition

User fees recognised at a point in time	1,493	1,358
Total user fees	1,493	1,358

User fees are recognised as revenue at a point in time, or over time, when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied. Recognition is based on the underlying contractual terms.

3.4 Funding from other levels of government

Grants were received in respect of the following :

Summary of grants

Commonwealth funded grants	6,357	6,572
State funded grants	3,758	7,563
Total grants received	10,115	14,135

(a) Operating Grants

Recurrent - Commonwealth Government

Financial Assistance Grants	4,723	4,988
General home care	520	475
Other	33	29

Recurrent - State Government

Delivered Meals	45	1
Home care services	57	82
Home maintenance	5	6
Senior citizens	23	23
School crossing supervisors	6	6
Libraries	118	108

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Youth participation program	25	25
Roadside weeks and pest management	75	75
Case Assessment	23	-
Other	-	3
Total recurrent operating grants	5,653	5,821
	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government		
Other	-	-
Non-recurrent - State Government		
Community health	-	39
Kindergarten central enrolment	24	36
Regional events funding	24	5
Walk to school	-	1
Facilitated playgroup	59	28
Disaster recovery	-	4,405
Planning and change management	-	35
LG Business Concierge & Hospitality	60	-
Outdoor Dining	250	-
Covid Relief Program	15	-
Community Activation & Social Isolation	90	-
Community Climate Change Adaption	40	-
Other	20	2
Total non-recurrent operating grants	582	4,551
Total operating grants	6,235	10,372
(b) Capital Grants		
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government		
Roads to recovery	1,081.00	1,081.00
Recurrent - State Government		
Other	-	-
Total recurrent capital grants	1,081.00	1,081.00
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government		
Other	-	-
Non-recurrent - State Government		
Skate parks	-	10
Aerodrome entrance and heritage walk	-	33
Dimboola boating pontoon	-	80
E-waste sheds	-	140
Fixing country roads	-	1,061
Heavy vehicle safety & productivity program	-	150
Heritage Victoria	-	32
Kindergarten refurbishment	-	10
Living libraries	-	600
Local Roads & Infrastructure Program	1,406	-
Regional partnership funding	-	100
Roads to market	50	370
Working for Victoria	378	96
Nhill Early Learning Facility Upgrade	17	-
Dimboola Early Learning Facility Upgrade	17	-
Dimboola Community Civic Hub	450	-
Dimboola Bowling Club Sporting Facility	164	-
Yurunga Homestead Veranda	32	-
Riverside Holiday Park All Abilities Amenities	143	-
ICT Infrastructure Program	100	-
CFA Fire Access Grant	21	-
Public Safety Infrastructure grant	20	-
Total non-recurrent capital grants	2,798	2,682
Total capital grants	3,879	3,763

(c) Unspent grants received on condition that they be spent in a specific manner

Operating		
Balance at start of year	196	69
Received during the financial year and remained unspent at balance date	49	188
Received in prior years and spent during the financial year	(196)	(61)
Balance at year end	<u>49</u>	<u>196</u>
Capital		
Balance at start of year	37	997
Received during the financial year and remained unspent at balance date	4,722	-
Received in prior years and spent during the financial year	(37)	(960)
Balance at year end	<u>4,722</u>	<u>37</u>

Grant income is recognised at the point in time when the council satisfies its performance obligations as specified in the underlying agreement.

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
3.5 Contributions		
Monetary	348	241
Total contributions	<u>348</u>	<u>241</u>

Monetary contributions are recognised as revenue when Council obtains control over the contributed asset.

3.6 Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		
Proceeds of sale	363	148
Written down value of assets disposed	(287)	(88)
Total net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	<u>76</u>	<u>60</u>

The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has passed to the buyer.

3.7 Other income		
Plant operations	852	976
Quarry operations	496	603
Interest	83	89
Recoupments	25	169
Fire services levy administration	44	43
Scrap metal and transfer station fees	22	26
Vicroads agency administration	2	2
Other	1	1
Total other income	<u>1,525</u>	<u>1,909</u>

Interest is recognised as it is earned.

Other income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is recognised when Council gains control over the right to receive the income.

Note 4 The cost of delivering services

4.1 (a) Employee costs		
Wages and salaries	5,961	5,323
WorkCover	172	137
Annual leave, sick leave and long service leave	693	887
Superannuation	697	645
Fringe benefits tax	91	89
Training	149	176
Other	38	35
Total employee costs	<u>7,801</u>	<u>7,292</u>

(b) Superannuation

Council made contributions to the following funds:

Defined benefit fund

Employer contributions to Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (Vision Super)	52	55
	<u>52</u>	<u>55</u>
Employer contributions payable at reporting date.	0	Nil

Accumulation funds

Employer contributions to Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (Vision Super)	312	304
Employer contributions - other funds	332	288
	<u>644</u>	<u>592</u>
Employer contributions payable at reporting date.	0	24

Refer to note 9.3 for further information relating to Council's superannuation obligations.

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
4.2 Materials and services		
Contract payments	328	198
Building maintenance	158	121
Flood recovery expenditure	-	2,686
Depots and workshops	69	68
Emergency assistance and fire prevention	32	25
Health promotion	216	12
Home and community care	141	119
Community development, tourism and youth activities	163	167
Garbage and recycling collection and waste disposal	618	543
Utilities	383	325
Office administration	135	38
Information technology	437	279
Parks, reserves and aerodromes	83	191
Plant and fleet operations	992	1,168
Printing, stationery and advertising	51	48
Quarry operations	370	590
Rating and valuation	8	17
Roads, footpaths, bridges and drainage management	475	653
Swimming pool maintenance and management	280	292
Town beautification	36	65
Consultants and labour hire	17	31
Other	89	19
Total materials and services	5,081	7,655

4.3 Depreciation		
Property	1,027	490
Plant and equipment	997	952
Infrastructure	4,262	3,974
Total depreciation	6,286	5,416

Refer to note 6.1 for a more detailed breakdown of depreciation and amortisation charges and accounting policy.

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
4.4 Bad and doubtful debts		
Rates debtors	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
Total bad and doubtful debts	-	-

Movement in provisions for doubtful debts

Balance at the beginning of the year	18	17
New provisions recognised during the year	11	3
Amounts already provided for and written off as uncollectible	-	-
Amounts provided for but recovered during the year	-	(2)
Balance at end of year	<u>29</u>	<u>18</u>

Provision for doubtful debt is recognised based on an expected credit loss model. This model considers both historic and forward looking information in determining the level of impairment.

	2021	2020
4.5 Other expenses	\$'000	\$'000
Advertising	58	55
Auditors' remuneration - VAGO - audit of the financial statements, performance statement and grant acquittals	45	46
Auditors' remuneration - Internal	16	16
Bank Charges	31	29
Community action grants	55	25
Council contributions - other	111	117
Councillors' allowances	171	181
Fire services levy	23	23
Hindmarsh landcare network contribution	10	10
Insurance	340	289
Landfill charges	272	227
Legal costs	56	51
Postage	22	22
Regional library contribution	-	237
Subscriptions	159	137
Telecommunications	19	23
Town Committees	30	30
Others	17	18
Total other expenses	1,435	1,536
Note 5 Our financial position	2021	2020
5.1 Financial assets	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash on hand	4	4
Cash at bank	5,315	7,029
Term deposits	12,000	4,000
Total cash and cash equivalents	17,319	11,033
Councils cash and cash equivalents are subject to external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary use. These include:		
- Trust funds and deposits (Note 5.3)	101	88
Total restricted funds	101	88
Total unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	17,218	10,945
Intended allocations		
Although not externally restricted the following amounts have been allocated for specific future purposes by Council:		
- cash held to fund carried forward capital works	4,721	3,166
- include details of other allocated amounts	49	522
Total funds subject to intended allocations	4,770	3,688

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call, and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Other financial assets are valued at fair value, at balance date. Term deposits are measured at original cost. Any unrealised gains and losses on holdings at balance date are recognised as either a revenue or expense.

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
(c) Trade and other receivables		
Current		
Rates debtors	475	400
Building permit debtors	9	6
Infringement debtors	163	138
GST receivable	(256)	134
<i>Non statutory receivables</i>		
Other debtors	114	112
Sundry debtors	662	226
Street scheme debtors	-	1
Provision for doubtful debts - other debtors	(29)	(18)
Total current trade and other receivables	<u>1,138</u>	<u>999</u>
Non-current		
<i>Non statutory receivables</i>		
Street scheme debtors	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total non-current trade and other receivables	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total trade and other receivables	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,001</u>

Short term receivables are carried at invoice amount. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment has occurred. Long term receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(d) Ageing of Receivables

The ageing of the Council's trade and other receivables (excluding statutory receivables) that are not impaired was:

Current (not yet due)	-	-
Past due by up to 30 days	211	176
Past due between 31 and 180 days	27	6
Past due between 181 and 365 days	365	11
Past due by more than 1 year	45	43
Total trade and other receivables	<u>648</u>	<u>236</u>

(e) Ageing of individually impaired Receivables

At balance date, other debtors representing financial assets with a nominal value of \$6,084 (2020: \$18,143) were impaired. The amount of the provision raised against these debtors was \$6,084 (2020: \$18,143). They individually have been impaired as a result of their doubtful collection. Many of the long outstanding past due amounts have been lodged with Council's debt collectors or are on payment arrangements.

The ageing of receivables that have been individually determined as impaired at reporting date was:

Current (not yet due)	-	-
Past due by up to 30 days	-	-
Past due between 31 and 180 days	-	-
Past due between 181 and 365 days	-	-
Past due by more than 1 year	6	18
Total trade & other receivables	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>

5.2 Non-financial assets	2021	2020
(a) Inventories	\$'000	\$'000
Inventories held for distribution	430	328
Total inventories	430	328

Inventories held for distribution are measured at cost, adjusted when applicable for any loss of service potential. All other inventories, including land held for sale, are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where inventories are acquired for no cost or nominal consideration, they are measured at current replacement cost at the date of acquisition.

(b) Other assets		
Prepayments	126	249
Total other assets	126	249

5.3 Payables	2021	2020
(a) Trade and other payables	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables	246	731
Accrued expenses	237	185
Total trade and other payables	483	916

(b) Trust funds and deposits		
Refundable deposits	12	12
Fire services levy	89	76
Total trust funds and deposits	101	88

(c) Unearned income		
Grants received in advance - operating	48	60
Grants received in advance - capital	4,723	465
Other	-	-
Total unearned income	4,771	525

Amounts received as deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are recognised as trust funds until they are returned, transferred in accordance with the purpose of the receipt, or forfeited. Trust funds that are forfeited, resulting in council gaining control of the funds, are to be recognised as revenue at the time of forfeit.

Purpose and nature of items

Fire Service Levy - Council is the collection agent for fire services levy on behalf of the State Government. Council remits amounts received on a quarterly basis. Amounts disclosed here will be remitted to the state government in line with that process.

Retention Amounts - Council has a contractual right to retain certain amounts until a contractor has met certain requirements or a related warrant or defect period has elapsed. Subject to the satisfactory completion of the contractual obligations, or the elapsing of time, these amounts will be paid to the relevant contractor in line with Council's contractual obligations.

5.4 Provisions	Employee	Landfill restoration	Quarry	Total
	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000	\$ '000
2021				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	2,175	28	153	2,356
Additional provisions	1,014	-	1	1,015
Amounts used	(925)	-	-	(925)
Balance at the end of the financial year	2,264	28	154	2,446
2020				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,828	24	168	2,020
Additional provisions	1,107	4	11	1,122
Amounts used	(760)	-	(26)	(786)
Balance at the end of the financial year	2,175	28	153	2,356

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Employee provisions		
Current provisions expected to be wholly settled within 12 months		
Annual leave	665	726
Long service leave	60	60
	<u>725</u>	<u>786</u>
Current provisions expected to be wholly settled after 12 months		
Annual leave	147	128
Long service leave	1,273	1,094
	<u>1,420</u>	<u>1,222</u>
Total current employee provisions	<u>2,145</u>	<u>2,008</u>
Non-current		
Long service leave	119	167
Annual leave	-	-
Total non-current employee provisions	<u>119</u>	<u>167</u>
Aggregate carrying amount of employee provisions:		
Current	2,145	2,008
Non-current	119	167
Total aggregate carrying amount of employee provisions	<u>2,264</u>	<u>2,175</u>

The calculation of employee costs and benefits includes all relevant on-costs and are calculated as follows at reporting date.

Wages and salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulated sick leave expected to be wholly settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in the provision for employee benefits in respect of employee services up to the reporting date, classified as current liabilities and measured at their nominal values.

Liabilities that are not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in the provision for employee benefits as current liabilities, measured at the present value of the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

Long service leave

Liability for long service leave (LSL) is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. LSL is measured at present value. Unconditional LSL is disclosed as a current liability. Conditional LSL that has been accrued, where an employee is yet to reach a qualifying term of employment, is disclosed as a non-current liability.

Key assumptions:

- discount rate	-0.015%	0.872%
- index rate	4.250%	4.250%

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
(b) Landfill restoration		
Current	28	28
Non-current	-	-
	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>

Council is obligated to restore a number of landfill and quarry sites to a particular standard. The forecast life of the sites is based on current estimates of remaining capacity and the forecast rate of infill. The provision for landfill restoration has been calculated based on the present value of the expected cost of works to be undertaken. The expected cost of works has been estimated based on current understanding of work required to reinstate the sites to a suitable standard. Accordingly, the estimation of the provision required is dependent on the accuracy of the forecast timing of the work, work required and related costs.

Key assumptions:

-estimated cost to rehabilitate	28	28
- index rate	-	-

(c) Quarry restoration

Current	113	61
Non-current	41	92
	<u>154</u>	<u>153</u>

Key assumptions:

-estimated cost to rehabilitate	154	153
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5.5 Financing arrangements

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
The Council has the following funding arrangements in place as at 30 June.		
Bank overdraft	2,000	2,000
Credit card facilities	30	30
Total facilities	2,030	2,030
Used facilities	10	10
Unused facilities	2,020	2,020

5.6 Commitments

The Council has entered into the following commitments. Commitments are not recognised in the Balance Sheet. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value and presented inclusive of the GST payable.

2021	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating					
Building services	122	130	-	-	252
Recycling	179	-	-	-	179
Garbage collection	252	-	-	-	252
Transport waste and recycling to Doen	84	-	-	-	84
Swimming pool management	276	-	-	-	276
Meals for delivery	100	102	-	-	202
Internal audit services	14	14	15	-	43
Kindergarten services	20	20	20	-	60
Information Communication and Technology	40	40	40	40	160
Total	1,087	306	75	40	1,508

2020	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating					
Building services	115	122	130	-	367
Recycling	176	179	-	-	355
Garbage collection	250	252	-	-	502
Transport waste and recycling to Doen	82	84	-	-	166
Swimming pool management	250	276	-	-	526
Meals for delivery	98	100	102	-	300
Internal audit services	49	49	-	-	98
Kindergarten services	60	60	60	-	180
Total	1,080	1,122	292	-	2,494

5.7 Leases

At inception of a contract, all entities would assess whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To identify whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, it is necessary to assess whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset;
- The customer has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- The customer has the right to direct the use of the asset.

This policy is applied to contracts entered into, or changed, on or after 1 July 2019.

As a lessee, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for:

- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received; plus
- any initial direct costs incurred; and
- an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain measurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, an appropriate incremental borrowing rate. Generally, Council uses an appropriate incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- Fixed payments
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- Amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- The exercise price under a purchase option that Council is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if Council is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless Council is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Council has elected to apply the temporary option available under *AASB 16 Leases* which allows not-for-profit entities to not measure right-of-use assets at initial recognition at fair value in respect of leases that have significantly below-market terms.

Short-term and low value leases

Council has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases of machinery that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets (individual assets worth less than existing capitalisation thresholds for a like asset up to a maximum of AUD\$10,000), including IT equipment. Council recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Expenses relating to:		
Short-term leases	-	-
Leases of low value assets	6	5
Total	6	5
Variable lease payments (not included in measurement of lease liabilities)	-	

Non-cancellable lease commitments - Short-term and low-value leases

Commitments for minimum lease payments for short-term and low-value leases are payable as follows:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Payable:		
Within one year	2	2
Later than one year but not later than five years	-	-
Total lease commitments	2	2

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

Summary of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

	At Fair Value 30 June 2020 \$'000	Additions \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Revaluation \$'000	Depreciation \$'000	Disposal \$'000	Write-off \$'000	Transfers \$'000	At Fair Value 30 June 2021 \$'000
Property	26,101	-	-	(1,458)	(922)	-	-	2,420	26,141
Plant and equipment	7,268	1,009	-	-	(1,102)	(287)	-	-	6,888
Infrastructure	126,298	4,110	-	-	(4,262)	-	-	-	126,146
Work in progress	2,983	1,825	-	-	-	-	-	(2,683)	2,125
	162,650	6,944	-	(1,458)	(6,286)	(287)	-	(263)	161,300

Summary of Work in Progress

	Opening WIP \$'000	Additions \$'000	Write-off \$'000	Transfers \$'000	Closing WIP \$'000
Property	1,274	237	-	(1,274)	237
Plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure	1,709	1,588	-	(1,409)	1,888
Total	2,983	1,825	-	(2,683)	2,125

(a) Property

	Land - specialised	Total Land & Land Improvements	Heritage buildings	Buildings - specialised	Total Buildings	Work In Progress	Total Property
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At fair value 1 July 2020	2,368	2,368	215	28,125	28,340	1,274	31,982
Accumulated depreciation at 1 July 2020	-	-	(47)	(4,560)	(4,607)	-	(4,607)
	2,368	2,368	168	23,565	23,733	1,274	27,375
Movements in fair value							
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	237	237
Revaluation	193	193	28	(1,679)	(1,651)	-	(1,458)
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Write-off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	(61)	(3,048)	(3,109)	(1,274)	(4,383)
Impairment losses recognised in operating result	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	193	193	(33)	(4,727)	(4,760)	(1,037)	(5,604)
Movements in accumulated depreciation							
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	(14)	(908)	(922)	-	(922)
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment losses recognised in operating result	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	61	5,468	5,529	-	5,529
	-	-	47	4,560	4,607	-	4,607
At fair value 30 June 2021	2,561	2,561	182	23,398	23,580	237	26,378
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2,561	2,561	182	23,398	23,580	237	26,378

(b) Plant and Equipment

	Plant machinery and equipment	Fixtures fittings and furniture	Computers and telecomms	Library books	Total plant and equipment
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At fair value 1 July 2020	12,281	1,285	-	-	13,566
Accumulated depreciation at 1 July 2020	(5,361)	(937)	-	-	(6,298)
	6,920	348	-	-	7,268
Movements in fair value					
Additions	616	163	-	230	1,009
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
Disposal	(886)	-	-	-	(886)
Write-off	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment losses recognised in operating result	-	-	-	-	-
	(270)	163	-	230	123
Movements in accumulated depreciation					
Depreciation and amortisation	(997)	(82)	-	(23)	(1,102)
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	599	-	-	-	599
Impairment losses recognised in operating result	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
	(398)	(82)	-	(23)	(503)
At fair value 30 June 2021	12,011	1,448	-	230	13,689
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2021	(5,759)	(1,019)	-	(23)	(6,801)
	6,252	429	-	207	6,888

(c) Infrastructure

	Roads	Bridges	Footpaths and cycleways	Drainage	Kerb & Channel	Other Infrastructure	Work In Progress	Total Infrastructure
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At fair value 1 July 2020	129,145	7,720	7,038	6,737	19,760	11,686	1,709	183,795
Accumulated depreciation at 1 July 2020	(38,895)	(2,371)	(3,643)	(2,237)	(4,942)	(3,700)	-	(55,788)
	90,250	5,349	3,395	4,500	14,818	7,986	1,709	128,007
Movements in fair value								
Additions	3,044	-	165	81	371	449	-	4,110
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Write-off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	179	179
Impairment losses recognised in operating result	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3,044	-	165	81	371	449	179	4,289
Movements in accumulated depreciation								
Depreciation and amortisation	(3,188)	(68)	(162)	(84)	(252)	(508)	-	(4,262)
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment losses recognised in operating result	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(3,188)	(68)	(162)	(84)	(252)	(508)	-	(4,262)
At fair value 30 June 2021	132,189	7,720	7,203	6,818	20,131	12,135	1,888	188,084
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2021	(42,083)	(2,439)	(3,805)	(2,321)	(5,194)	(4,208)	-	(60,050)
	90,106	5,281	3,398	4,497	14,937	7,927	1,888	128,034

Acquisition

The purchase method of accounting is used for all acquisitions of assets, being the fair value of assets provided as consideration at the date of acquisition plus any incidental costs attributable to the acquisition. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset (or paid to transfer a liability) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Where assets are constructed by Council, cost includes all materials used in construction, direct labour, borrowing costs incurred during construction, and an appropriate share of directly attributable variable and fixed overheads.

In accordance with Council's policy, the threshold limits have applied when recognising assets within an applicable asset class and unless otherwise stated are consistent with the prior year.

	Depreciation Period	Threshold Limit \$'000
<i>Asset recognition thresholds and depreciation periods</i>		
Land & land improvements		
land	-	1
Buildings		
buildings	30 - 100 years	1
Plant and Equipment		
plant, machinery and equipment	2 - 20 years	1
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	2 - 50 years	1
Infrastructure		
roads - pavements, substructure, formation and earthworks	15 - 110 years	1
roads - kerb, channel and minor culverts and other	60 - 100 years	1
bridges	70 - 120 years	1
footpaths and cycleways	15 - 80 years	1
drainage	80 - 120 years	1
others	5 - 100 years	1

Land under roads

Council recognises land under roads, acquired after 1 July 2008 at fair value.

Depreciation and amortisation

Buildings, land improvements, plant and equipment, infrastructure, and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their useful lives to the Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

Where assets have separate identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned distinct useful lives and residual values and a separate depreciation rate is determined for each component.

Road earthworks are not depreciated on the basis that they are assessed as not having a limited useful life.

Straight line depreciation is charged based on the residual useful life as determined each year.

Depreciation periods used are listed above and are consistent with the prior year unless otherwise stated.

Repairs and maintenance

Where the repair relates to the replacement of a component of an asset and the cost exceeds the capitalisation threshold the cost is capitalised and depreciated. The carrying value of the replaced asset is expensed.

Valuation of land and buildings

Valuation of land and buildings were undertaken by a qualified independent valuer Ben Sawyer AAPI Reg 63163 of Preston Rowe Paterson Horsham and Wimmera Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2021. The valuation of land and buildings is at fair value, being market value based on highest and best use permitted by relevant land planning provisions. Where land use is restricted through existing planning provisions the valuation is reduced to reflect this limitation. This adjustment is an unobservable input in the valuation. The adjustment has no impact on the comprehensive income statement.

Specialised land is valued at fair value using site values adjusted for englobo (undeveloped and/or unserviced) characteristics, access rights and private interests of other parties and entitlements of infrastructure assets and services. This adjustment is an unobservable input in the valuation. The adjustment has no impact on the comprehensive income statement.

Any significant movements in the unobservable inputs for land and land under roads will have a significant impact on the fair value of these assets.

Details of the Council's land and buildings and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2021 are as follows:

	Level 1	Level2	Level 3	Date of Valuation
Land	-	-	2,561	Jun-21
Heritage Buildings	-	-	182	Jun-21
Buildings	-	-	23,398	Jun-21
Total	-	-	26,141	

Valuation of infrastructure

Valuation of road and kerb and channel assets has been determined in accordance with an independent valuation undertaken by Talis Consultants Pty Ltd. An independent valuation of bridges has also been undertaken, by Pitt & Sherry. The valuation of all other infrastructure assets has been determined by Mrs Angela Hoy, Director of Infrastructure Services.

The date of the current valuation is detailed in the following table.

The valuation is at fair value based on replacement cost less accumulated depreciation as at the date of valuation.

Details of the Council's infrastructure and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2021 are as follows:

	Level 1	Level2	Level 3	Date of Valuation
Roads	-	-	90,106	Jun-17
Bridges	-	-	5,281	Jun-18
Footpaths and cycleways	-	-	3,398	Jun-20
Drainage	-	-	4,497	Jun-20
Kerb & Channel	-	-	14,937	Jun-17
Other infrastructure	-	-	7,927	Jun-20
Total	-	-	126,146	

Description of significant unobservable inputs into level 3 valuations

Specialised buildings are valued using a depreciated replacement cost technique. Significant unobservable inputs include the current replacement cost and remaining useful lives of buildings. Current replacement costs are calculated on a square metre basis and ranges from \$300 to \$2600 per square metre. The remaining useful lives of buildings are determined on the basis of the current condition of buildings and vary from 5 years to 75 years. Replacement cost is sensitive to changes in market conditions, with any increase or decrease in cost flowing through to the valuation. Useful lives of buildings are sensitive to changes in expectations or requirements that could either shorten or extend the useful lives of buildings.

Infrastructure assets are valued based on the depreciated replacement cost. Significant unobservable inputs include the current replacement cost and remaining useful lives of infrastructure. The remaining useful lives of infrastructure assets are determined on the basis of the current condition of the asset and vary from 10 years to 100 years. Replacement cost is sensitive to changes in market conditions, with any increase or decrease in cost flowing through to the valuation. Useful lives of infrastructure are sensitive to changes in use, expectations or requirements that could either shorten or extend the useful lives of infrastructure assets.

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
6.2 Investments in associates, joint arrangements and subsidiaries		
(a) Investments in associates		
Investments in associates accounted for by the equity method are:		
- Wimmera Regional Library Corporation	-	309
- Wimmera Development Association	213	101
	<u>213</u>	<u>410</u>
Wimmera Regional Library Corporation		
<i>Background</i>		
Hindmarsh Shire Council, in conjunction with Horsham Rural City Council, Northern Grampians Shire Council, West Wimmera Shire Council and Yarriambiack Shire Council, had an interest in the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation. Hindmarsh Shire Council withdrew from the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation from 01 July, 2020.		
Fair value of Council's investment in Wimmera Regional Library Corporation	<u>-</u>	<u>309</u>
Movement in carrying value of specific investment		
Carrying value of investment at start of year	309	386
Change in equity share apportionment	(309)	-
Share of surplus(deficit) for year	-	(77)
Share of asset revaluation	-	-
Distributions received	-	-
Carrying value of investment at end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>309</u>
Wimmera Development Association		
<i>Background</i>		
Hindmarsh Shire Council, in conjunction with Horsham Rural City Council, Northern Grampians Shire Council, West Wimmera Shire Council and Yarriambiack Shire Council, have an interest in the Wimmera Development Association.		
Hindmarsh Shire has a 10.34% interest in equity (10.34% in 2019/20).		
Fair value of Council's investment in Wimmera Development Association	<u>213</u>	<u>101</u>
Council's share of accumulated surplus/(deficit)		
Council's share of accumulated surplus(deficit) at start of year	77	74
Change in equity share apportionment	-	-
Reported surplus(deficit) for year	112	3
Transfers (to) from reserves	-	-
Distributions for the year	-	-
Council's share of accumulated surplus(deficit) at end of year	<u>189</u>	<u>77</u>
Council's share of reserves		
Council's share of reserves at start of year	24	24
Change in equity share apportionment	-	-
Transfers (to) from reserves	-	-
Council's share of reserves at end of year	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
Movement in carrying value of specific investment		
Carrying value of investment at start of year	101	98
Change in equity share apportionment	-	-
Share of surplus(deficit) for year	112	3
Share of asset revaluation	-	-
Distributions received	-	-
Carrying value of investment at end of year	<u>213</u>	<u>101</u>

Associates are all entities over which Council has significant influence but not control or joint control. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting, after initially being recognised at cost.

Committees of management

All entities controlled by Council that have material revenues, expenses, assets or liabilities, such as committees of management, have been included in this financial report. Any transactions between these entities and Council have been eliminated in full.

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Note 7 People and relationships		
7.1 Council and key management remuneration		
(a) Related Parties		
<i>Parent entity</i>		
Hindmarsh Shire Council is the parent entity.		
<i>Subsidiaries and Associates</i>		
Interests in subsidiaries and associates are detailed in Note 6.2.		
(b) Key Management Personnel		
Details of persons holding the position of Councillor or other members of key management personnel at any time during the year are:		
Councillors		
Councillor R Ismay (Councillor 1/7/2020 - 24/10/2020; Mayor 18/11/2020-30/6/2021)		
Councillor R Gersch (Mayor 1/7/2020-24/10/2020; Councillor 18/11/2020 - 30/06/2021)		
Councillor D Albrecht (Deputy Mayor 18/11/2020-30/6/2021)		
Councillor R Lowe (Deputy Mayor 1/7/2020-24/10/2020)		
Councillor D Nelson (Councillor 1/7/2020-24/10/2021; 18/11/2020-30/06/2021)		
Councillor B Ireland (Councillor 18/11/2020-30/6/2021)		
Councillor W Bywaters (Councillor 16/12/2020-30/6/2021)		
Councillor T Schneider (Councillor 1/7/2020-24/10/2020)		
Councillor D Colbert (Councillor 1/7/2020-24/10/2020)		
Chief Executive Officer		
Director - Corporate and Community Services		
Director - Infrastructure Services		
Total Number of Councillors	9	6
Total of Chief Executive Officer and other Key Management Personnel	3	3
Total Number of Key Management Personnel	12	9
	2021	2020
	\$	\$
(c) Remuneration of Key Management Personnel		
Total remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:		
Short-term benefits	743	605
Long-term benefits	30	-
Post employment benefits	53	-
Termination benefits	-	-
Total	826	605
The numbers of key management personnel whose total remuneration from Council and any related entities, fall within the following bands:		
	2021	2020
	No.	No.
\$0-\$9,999	3	-
\$10,000 - \$19,999	3	-
\$20,000 - \$29,999	1	4
\$30,000 - \$39,999	1	1
\$40,000 - \$49,999	1	-
\$50,000-\$59,999	-	1
\$60,000-\$69,999	-	-
\$70,000-\$79,999	-	-
\$80,000-\$89,999	-	-
\$90,000-\$99,999	-	-
\$100,000-\$109,999	-	-
\$110,000-\$119,999	-	-
\$120,000-\$129,999	-	-
\$130,000-\$139,999	-	-
\$140,000-\$149,999	-	-
\$150,000 - \$159,999	-	-
\$160,000 - \$169,999	-	1
\$170,000-\$179,999	-	-
\$180,000-\$189,999	2	1
\$190,000-\$199,999	-	-
\$200,000-\$209,999	-	-
\$210,000-\$219,999	-	-
\$220,000-\$229,999	-	-
\$230,000-\$239,999	-	-
\$240,000-\$249,999	-	-
\$250,000-\$259,999	-	1
\$280,000-\$289,999	1	-
	12	9

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
7.2 Related party disclosure		
(a) Transactions with related parties		
During the period Council entered into the following transactions with related parties.		
<i>Council entered into purchases of materials and services on normal commercial terms and</i>		
<i>T. Ismay & Co (a related party to Cr R. Ismay)</i>	9	7
<i>Westmix Concrete Letoway (a related party to Cr R Gersch)</i>	-	66
<i>Allambi Elderly Peoples Home (a related party to Cr D Nelson)</i>	46	-
<i>Jeparit Golf Club (a related party to Cr B Ireland)</i>	2	-
<i>Hindmarsh Landcare Network (a related party to Cr D Nelson)</i>	10	-
(b) Outstanding balances with related parties		
The following balances are outstanding at the end of the reporting period in relation to transactions with related parties		
<i>T. Ismay & Co (a related party to Cr R. Ismay)</i>	Nil	Nil
<i>Allambi Elderly Peoples Home (a related party to Cr D Nelson)</i>	Nil	Nil
<i>Jeparit Golf Club (a related party to Cr B Ireland)</i>	Nil	Nil
<i>Hindmarsh Landcare Network (a related party to Cr D Nelson)</i>	Nil	Nil

Note 8 Managing uncertainties

8.1 Contingent assets and liabilities

Operating lease receivables

Council receives lease payments for telephone towers, small sections of land and rooms within Council owned buildings. The receivable is incidental to the purpose for holding the property. The lease terms are between 1 and 10 years and include a CPI based revision annually.

Future undiscounted minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Not later than one year	42	44
Later than one year and not later than five years	174	174
Later than five years	76	118
	292	336

(b) Contingent liabilities

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet, but are disclosed and if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value. Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable, respectively.

Superannuation

Council has obligations under a defined benefit superannuation scheme that may result in the need to make additional contributions to the scheme, matters relating to this potential obligation are outlined below. As a result of the volatility in financial markets the likelihood of making such contributions in future periods exists.

Future superannuation contributions

In addition to the disclosed contributions, Hindmarsh Shire Council has paid unfunded liability payments to Vision Super totalling \$0 during the 2020/21 year (2019/20 \$0). There were no contributions outstanding and no loans issued from or to the above schemes as at 30 June 2021. The expected contributions to be paid to the Defined Benefit category of Vision Super for the year ending 30 June 2022 are \$96,468.

Liability Mutual Insurance

Council is a participant of the MAV Liability Mutual Insurance (LMI) Scheme. The LMI scheme provides public liability and professional indemnity insurance cover. The LMI scheme states that each participant will remain liable to make further contributions to the scheme in respect of any insurance year in which it was a participant to the extent of its participant's share of any shortfall in the provision set aside in respect of that insurance year, and such liability will continue whether or not the participant remains a participant in future insurance years.

MAV Workcare

Council was a participant of the MAV WorkCare Scheme. The MAV WorkCare scheme provides workers compensation insurance. The MAV WorkCare Scheme states that each participant will remain liable to make further contributions to the scheme in respect of any insurance year in which it was a participant to the extent of its participant's share of any shortfall in the provision set aside in respect of that insurance year, and such liability will continue whether or not the participant remains a participant in future insurance years.

(c) Guarantees for loans to other entities

Council holds financial guarantees totalling \$131,000 held with the National Australia Bank on behalf of the Minister for Energy and Resources for the purpose of ensuring quarry sites are restored to an environmentally satisfactory condition. If Council fail to meet the conditions of these

The amount disclosed for financial guarantee in this note is the nominal amount of the underlying loan that is guaranteed by the Council, not the value of the financial guarantee.

Financial guarantee contracts are not recognised as a liability in the balance sheet unless the lender has exercised their right to call on the guarantee or Council has other reasons to believe that it is probable that the right will be exercised.

8.2 Change in accounting standards

Certain new Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2021 reporting period. Council assesses the impact of these new standards. As at 30 June 2021 there were no new accounting standards or interpretations issued by the AASB which are applicable for the year ending 30 June 2022 that are expected to impact Council.

8.3 Financial instruments

(a) Objectives and policies

The Council's principal financial instruments comprise cash assets, term deposits, receivables (excluding statutory receivables), payables (excluding statutory payables) and bank borrowings. Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument is disclosed in the notes of the financial statements. Risk management is carried out by senior management under policies approved by the Council. These policies include identification and analysis of the risk exposure to Council and appropriate procedures, controls and risk minimisation.

(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of council financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Council's exposure to market risk is primarily through interest rate risk with only insignificant exposure to other price risks and no exposure to foreign currency risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Council's interest rate liability risk arises primarily from long term loans and borrowings at fixed rates which exposes council to fair value interest rate risk / Council does not hold any interest bearing financial instruments that are measured at fair value, and therefore has no exposure to fair value interest rate risk. Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has minimal exposure to cash flow interest rate risk through its cash and deposits that are at floating rates.

Investment of surplus funds is made with approved financial institutions under the *Local Government Act 1989*. Council manages interest rate risk by adopting an investment policy that ensures:

- diversification of investment product;
- monitoring of return on investment; and
- benchmarking of returns and comparison with budget.

There has been no significant change in the Council's exposure, or its objectives, policies and processes for managing interest rate risk or the methods used to measure this risk from the previous reporting period.

Interest rate movements have not been sufficiently significant during the year to have an impact on the Council's year end result.

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause Council to make a financial loss. Council have exposure to credit risk on some financial assets included in the balance sheet. Particularly significant areas of credit risk exist in relation to outstanding fees and fines as well as loans and receivables from sporting clubs and associations. To help manage this risk:

- council have a policy for establishing credit limits for the entities council deal with;
- council may require collateral where appropriate; and
- council only invest surplus funds with financial institutions which have a recognised credit rating specified in council's investment policy.

Receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across the ratepayer, business and government sectors. Credit risk associated with the council's financial assets is minimal because the main debtor is secured by a charge over the rateable property.

There are no material financial assets which are individually determined to be impaired.

Council may also be subject to credit risk for transactions which are not included in the balance sheet, such as when council provide a guarantee for another party. Details of our contingent liabilities are disclosed in Note 8.1(b).

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements. Council does not hold any collateral.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of council's operational liquidity requirements it will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction when required or will be forced to sell a financial asset at below value or may be unable to settle or recover a financial asset.

To help reduce these risks Council:

- have a liquidity policy which targets a minimum and average level of cash and cash equivalents to be maintained;
- have readily accessible standby facilities and other funding arrangements in place;
- have a liquidity portfolio structure that requires surplus funds to be invested within various bands of liquid instruments;
- monitor budget to actual performance on a regular basis; and
- set limits on borrowings relating to the percentage of loans to rate revenue and percentage of loan principal repayments to rate revenue.

The Council's maximum exposure to liquidity risk is the carrying amounts of financial liabilities as disclosed on the face of the balance sheet and the amounts related to financial guarantees disclosed in Note 8.1(c), and is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

There has been no significant change in Council's exposure, or its objectives, policies and processes for managing liquidity risk or the methods used to measure this risk from the previous reporting period.

With the exception of borrowings, all financial liabilities are expected to be settled within normal terms of trade.

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

(e) Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, Council believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months:

- A parallel shift of + 2% and -1% in market interest rates (AUD) from year-end rates of 0.85%.

These movements will not have a material impact on the valuation of Council's financial assets and liabilities, nor will they have a material impact on the results of Council's operations.

8.4 Fair value measurement

Fair value hierarchy

Council's financial assets and liabilities are not valued in accordance with the fair value hierarchy, Council's financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

Council measures certain assets and liabilities at fair value where required or permitted by Australian Accounting Standards. AASB 13 Fair value measurement, aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across Australian Accounting Standards.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within a fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable; and

Level 3 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, Council has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

In addition, Council determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Revaluation

Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets, other than plant and equipment, are measured at their fair value, being the price that would be received to sell an asset (or paid to transfer a liability) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. At balance date, the Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets measured at fair value to ensure that each asset materially approximated its fair value. Where the carrying value materially differed from the fair value at balance date, the class of asset was revalued.

Fair value valuations are determined in accordance with a valuation hierarchy. Changes to the valuation hierarchy will only occur if an external change in the restrictions or limitations of use of an asset result in changes to the permissible or practical highest and best use of the asset. In addition, Council undertakes a formal revaluation of land, buildings, and infrastructure assets on a regular basis ranging from 3 to 5 years. The valuation is performed either by experienced council officers or independent experts.

Where the assets are revalued, the revaluation increments are credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve except to the extent that an increment reverses a prior year decrement for that class of asset that had been recognised as an expense in which case the increment is recognised as revenue up to the amount of the expense. Revaluation decrements are recognised as an expense except where prior increments are included in the asset revaluation reserve for that class of asset in which case the decrement is taken to the reserve to the extent of the remaining increments. Within the same class of assets, revaluation increments and decrements within the year are offset.

Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Council reviews the carrying value of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the comprehensive income statement, unless the asset is carried at the revalued amount in which case, the impairment loss is recognised directly against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

8.5 Events occurring after balance date

No matters have occurred after balance date that require disclosure in the financial report.

8.6 Impact of Covid 19 Pandemic on Council operations and 2020-2021 financial report:

In March 2020 COVID-19 was declared as a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation. Since then, various measures have been taken by all three levels of Government in Australia to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Council has carefully considered the impact of the measures taken to mitigate it and has found there are no material impacts for the financial year ended 30 June 2021. Council has not needed to defer any capital works programs or stand down staff.

Movie screenings ceased in March 2020 and resumed in March 2021, resulting in Council not incurring any expenses for this service. Movie screenings are a service provided to the community at a cost to Council.

Council closed directly managed Caravan parks in Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow for a period of 3 months resulting in a reduction in revenue and also decreased associated expenses.

Council received Working for Victoria funding and employed an additional 13 full time staff members for a period of 6 months.

Council meetings were relocated to the Nhill Memorial Community Centre where live streaming equipment was installed to allow for the Council meetings to be streamed across social media.

Funding was received to allow for COVID safe outdoor dining in the municipality.

Note 9 Other matters

9.1 Reserves	Balance at beginning of reporting period	Increment (decrement)	Share of increment (decrement) on revaluation of Buildings by an associate	Balance at end of reporting period
(a) Asset revaluation reserves	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2021				
Property				
Land and land improvements	1,639	193	-	1,832
Buildings	9,827	(1,651)	-	8,176
	11,466	(1,458)	-	10,008
Infrastructure				
Roads	86,443	-	-	86,443
Bridges	218	-	-	218
Footpaths and Cycleways	1,479	-	-	1,479
Drainage	2,416	-	-	2,416
Other infrastructure	602	-	-	602
Share of asset revaluation in associates	28	-	-	28
	91,186	-	-	91,186
Total asset revaluation reserves	102,652	(1,458)	-	101,194
2020				
Property				
Land and land improvements	1,639	-	-	1,639
Buildings	9,827	-	-	9,827
	11,466	-	-	11,466
Infrastructure				
Roads	86,443	-	-	86,443
Bridges	218	-	-	218
Footpaths and cycleways	1,479	-	-	1,479
Drainage	2,416	-	-	2,416
Other infrastructure	602	-	-	602
Share of asset revaluation in associates	28	-	-	28
	91,186	-	-	91,186
Total asset revaluation reserves	102,652	-	-	102,652

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record the increased (net) value of Council's assets over time.

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
9.2 Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to surplus/(deficit)		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,399	4,767
Depreciation	6,286	5,416
Profit/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	76	(60)
Other	(140)	6
<i>Change in assets and liabilities:</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(139)	1,086
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	123	(59)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued income	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(485)	(1,746)
(Decrease)/increase in other liabilities	4,246	(525)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(102)	(37)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	89	336
Increase/(decrease) in trust funds and deposits	13	56
Increase/(decrease) in accrued expenses	52	(213)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	12,418	9,027

9.3 Superannuation

Council makes the majority of its employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (the Fund). This Fund has two categories of membership, accumulation and defined benefit, each of which is funded differently. Obligations for contributions to the Fund are recognised as an expense in Comprehensive Operating Statement when they are made or due.

Accumulation

Council makes both employer and employee contributions to The Fund's accumulation category, Vision MySuper/Vision Super Saver, on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings (for the year ended 30 June 2021, this was 9.5% as required under Superannuation Guarantee (SG) legislation).

Defined Benefit

Council does not use defined benefit accounting for its defined benefit obligations under the Fund's Defined Benefit category. This is because the Fund's Defined Benefit category is a pooled multi-employer sponsored plan.

There is no proportional split of the defined benefit liabilities, assets or costs between the participating employers as the defined benefit obligation is a floating obligation between the participating employers and the only time that the aggregate obligation is allocated to specific employers is when a call is made. As a result, the level of participation of [Employer name] in the Fund cannot be measured as a percentage compared with other participating employers. Therefore, the Fund Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers for the purposes of AASB 119 Employee Benefits.

Funding arrangements

Council makes employer contributions to the Defined Benefit category of the Fund at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Fund Actuary.

A triennial actuarial review for the Defined Benefit category as at 30 June 2020 was conducted and completed by the due date of 31 December 2020. The vested benefit index (VBI) of the Defined Benefit category of which Council is a contributing employer was 104.6%. The financial assumptions used to calculate the VBI were:

- Net investment returns 5.6% pa
- Salary information 2.5% pa for two years and 2.75% pa thereafter
- Price inflation (CPI) 2.0% pa.

As at 30 June 2021, an interim actuarial investigation is underway as the Fund provides lifetime pensions in the Defined Benefit category.

Vision Super has advised that the estimated VBI at 30 June 2021 was 109.7%.

The VBI is used as the primary funding indicator. Because the VBI was above 100%, the 30 June 2020 actuarial investigation determined the Defined Benefit category was in a satisfactory financial position and that no change was necessary to the Defined Benefit category's funding arrangements from prior years.

Employer contributions

Regular contributions

On the basis of the results of the 2020 triennial actuarial investigation conducted by the Fund Actuary, Council makes employer contributions to the Fund's Defined Benefit category at rates determined by the Fund's Trustee. For the year ended 30 June 2021, this rate was 9.5% of members' salaries (9.5% in 2019/2020). This rate is expected to increase in line with any increases in the SG contribution rate and was reviewed as part of the 30 June 2020 triennial valuation.

In addition, Council reimburses the Fund to cover the excess of the benefits paid as a consequence of retrenchment above the funded resignation or retirement benefit.

Funding calls

If the Defined Benefit category is in an unsatisfactory financial position at an actuarial investigation or the Defined Benefit category's VBI is below its shortfall limit at any time other than the date of the actuarial investigation, the Defined Benefit category has a shortfall for the purposes of SPS 160 and the Fund is required to put a plan in place so that the shortfall is fully funded within three years of the shortfall occurring. The Fund monitors its VBI on a quarterly basis and the Fund has set its shortfall limit at 97%.

In the event that the Fund Actuary determines that there is a shortfall based on the above requirement, the Fund's participating employers (including Council) are required to make an employer contribution to cover the shortfall.

Using the agreed methodology, the shortfall amount is apportioned between the participating employers based on the pre-1 July 1993 and post-30 June 1993 service liabilities of the Fund's Defined Benefit category, together with the employer's payroll at 30 June 1993 and at the date the shortfall has been calculated.

Due to the nature of the contractual obligations between the participating employers and the Fund, and that the Fund includes lifetime pensioners and their reversionary beneficiaries, it is unlikely that the Fund will be wound up.

If there is a surplus in the Fund, the surplus cannot be returned to the participating employers.

In the event that a participating employer is wound-up, the defined benefit obligations of that employer will be transferred to that employer's successor.

The 2020 triennial actuarial investigation surplus amounts

An actuarial investigation is conducted annually for the Defined Benefit category of which Council is a contributing employer. Generally, a full actuarial investigation is conducted every three years and interim actuarial investigations are conducted for each intervening year. A full investigation was conducted as at 30 June 2020.

The Fund's actuarial investigation identified the following for the Defined Benefit category of which Council is a contributing employer:

	2020 (Triennial) \$m	2019 (Interim) \$m
- A VBI Surplus	100.0	151.3
- A total service liability surplus	200.0	233.4
- A discounted accrued benefits surplus	217.8	256.7

The VBI surplus means that the market value of the fund's assets supporting the defined benefit obligations exceed the vested benefits that the defined benefit members would have been entitled to if they had all exited on 30 June 2020.

The total service liability surplus means that the current value of the assets in the Fund's Defined Benefit category plus expected future contributions exceeds the value of expected future benefits and expenses as at 30 June 2020.

The discounted accrued benefit surplus means that the current value of the assets in the Fund's Defined Benefit category exceeds the value of benefits payable in the future but accrued in respect of service to 30 June 2020.

Council was notified of the 30 June 2020 VBI during August 2020 (2019: August 2019).

The 2021 interim actuarial investigation

An interim actuarial investigation is being conducted for the Fund's position as at 30 June 2021 as the Fund provides lifetime pensions in the Defined Benefit category. It is anticipated that this actuarial investigation will be completed by October 2021.

Superannuation contributions

Contributions by Council (excluding any unfunded liability payments) to the above superannuation plans for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 are detailed below:

Scheme	Type of Scheme	Rate	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Vision super	Defined benefit	9.50%	52	55
Vision super	Accumulation fund	9.50%	312	304
Other Funds	Accumulation fund	9.50%	332	288

In addition to the above contributions, Council has paid unfunded liability payments to Vision Super totalling \$0 (2019/20 \$0).

There were \$24,115 contributions outstanding and no loans issued from or to the above schemes as at 30 June 2021.

The expected contributions to be paid to the Defined Benefit category of Vision Super for the year ending 30 June 2022 is \$96,468.

10 Change in accounting policy

AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors (AASB 1059) (applies 2020/21 for LG Sector)

Hindmarsh Shire Council does not have any Service Concession Arrangements.

AASB 2018-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Definition of Material (applies 2020/21 for LG Sector)

Council has adopted AASB 2018-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Definition of Material, from 1 July 2020. This standard principally amends AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements and AASB 108 Accounting Policies, changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors. The amendments clarify the definition of material and its application by improving the wording and aligning the definition across AASB Standards and other publications.

AASB 2019-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - References to the Conceptual Framework (applies 2020/21 for LG Sector)

Council has adopted AASB 2019-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - References to the Conceptual Framework from 1 July 2020. This standard sets out amendments to Australian Accounting Standards, Interpretations and other pronouncements to reflect the issuance of the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting (Conceptual Framework) by the AASB.

It is not expected that these standards will have any significant impact on council.



**Performance Statement
For the year ended June 2021**



HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

Performance Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2021

Our Municipality

Hindmarsh Shire is located in the Wimmera region in western Victoria and covers an area of 7,527km². Situated on the Western Highway, 375km west of Melbourne and 350km east of Adelaide, Hindmarsh Shire is alive with business opportunities as it lies on the second-busiest freight corridor in Australia.

Our Shire is bound by two National Parks, the Little Desert in the South and Wyperfeld in the North. Other distinct natural features include the Big Desert Wilderness Area to the West, as well as the Wimmera River and Lakes Hindmarsh and Albacutya. The central part of the Shire is utilised primarily for broad acre cropping and grazing.

Hindmarsh Shire's four main towns are Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow. Each community has its own spirit and identity, but all towns offer spacious rural living, inclusive small communities, and wonderful natural amenities.

The first Australians in the Hindmarsh area were the Wotjobaluk people. Communities were located near the Nhill Swamp, the Wimmera River at Dimboola, Lake Hindmarsh near Jeparit and Lake Albacutya near Rainbow, while the majority made their home along the Red Gum lined banks of the Wimmera River and Nine Creeks area in Dimboola.

Today it is estimated, 5,592 people live in Hindmarsh Shire, with a median age of 50 years. According to the 2016 Census 83% of people in Hindmarsh Shire were born in Australia, with English the only language spoken in 88% of homes. Our most significant group of migrants are Karen refugees from Burma (Myanmar), with approximately 190 calling Nhill home.

The median weekly household income is \$906, and most people own their homes outright. Most people are employed in farming, with employment in health care coming a close second, followed by retail, manufacturing, education and transport. Hindmarsh has a very high rate of volunteering, 18% higher than the national average.



Sustainable Capacity Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2021

<i>Indicator/measure</i>	Results 2018	Results 2019	Results 2020	Results 2021	Material Variations
<i>Own-source revenue</i> <i>Own-source revenue per head of municipal population</i> [Own-source revenue / Municipal population]	\$1,891	\$2,048	\$2,199	\$2,242	No material variation.
<i>Recurrent grants</i> <i>Recurrent grants per head of municipal population</i> [Recurrent grants / Municipal population]	\$1,200	\$1,125	\$1,235	\$1,204	No material variation.
<i>Population</i> <i>Expenses per head of municipal population</i> [Total expenses / Municipal population]	\$3,048	\$4,219	\$3,918	\$3,684	Expenses per head of population have decreased due to the finalisation of expenditure on flood recovery and a slight reduction in population.
<i>Infrastructure per head of municipal population</i> [Value of infrastructure / Municipal population]	\$27,273	\$27,580	\$28,683	\$28,387	No material variation.
<i>Population density per length of road</i> [Municipal population / Kilometres of local roads]	1.79	1.78	1.85	1.85	No material variation.
<i>Disadvantage</i> <i>Relative socio-economic disadvantage</i> [Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage by decile]	2	2	2	2	No material variation.
<i>Workforce turnover</i> <i>Resignations and terminations compared to average staff</i> [Number of permanent staff resignations and terminations / Average number of permanent staff for the financial year] x100	18.2%	19.8%	11.5%	29.5%	Due to the small number of staff employed by Council, staff turnover statistics are sensitive to resignations. Council employed 13 staff through the Working for Victoria Program which concluded in February 2021, this has resulted in the significant increase in workforce turnover.

Definitions

"adjusted underlying revenue" means total income other than—

- non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure; and
- non-monetary asset contributions; and
- contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to above

"infrastructure" means non-current property, plant and equipment excluding land

"local road" means a sealed or unsealed road for which the council is the responsible road authority under the *Road Management Act 2004*

"population" means the resident population estimated by council

"own-source revenue" means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants)

"relative socio-economic disadvantage", in relation to a municipality, means the relative socio-economic disadvantage, expressed as a decile for the relevant financial year, of the area in which the municipality is located according to the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Catalogue Number 2033.0.55.001) of SEIFA

"SEIFA" means the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas published from time to time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on its Internet website

"unrestricted cash" means all cash and cash equivalents other than restricted cash.

Service Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2021

<i>Service/indicator/measure</i>	Results 2018	Results 2019	Results 2020	Results 2021	Material Variations
Governance Satisfaction <i>Satisfaction with council decisions</i> [Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed in making decisions in the interest of the community]	60	61	59	59	No material variation.
Statutory Planning Decision making <i>Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT</i> [Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications] x100	50%	0%	n/a	n/a	No planning applications were taken to VCAT during 2020/2021.
Roads Satisfaction <i>Satisfaction with sealed local roads</i> [Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads]	48	54	50	53	No material variation.
Libraries Participation <i>Active library borrowers in municipality</i> [Number of active library borrowers in the last three years / Municipal population] x100	9.1%	7.7%	6.8%	6.6%	The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in library services being closed for a number of months throughout 2020/2021. This has resulted in a decrease in active library members.
Waste Collection Waste diversion <i>Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill</i> [Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] x100	34.9%	32.2%	5.4%	30.1%	The increase in waste diverted from landfill is a result of recycling collection for the full year. During 2019/2020 the global recycling crisis resulted in recycling being taken to landfill.
Aquatic facilities Utilisation <i>Utilisation of aquatic facilities</i> [Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Municipal population]	3.4	3.6	2.9	2.1	Aquatic facilities were open from November 2019 to March 2020. A decrease of 4,367 people visited Council's aquatic facilities during 2020/2021.

<i>Service/indicator/measure</i>	Results 2017	Results 2018	Results 2019	Results 2020	Material Variations
Animal management Health and safety <i>Animal management prosecutions</i> [Number of successful animal management prosecutions]	n/a	n/a	n/a	100%	Council prosecuted 3 animal offences during 2020/2021. All 3 prosecutions were successful.
Food safety Health and safety <i>Critical and major non-compliance notifications</i> [Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about food premises] x100	n/a	n/a	100%	n/a	During 2020/2021 there were no non-compliance notifications.
Maternal and child health Participation <i>Participation in the MCH service</i> [Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service] x100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not applicable. Council has no operational control over MCH services.
Participation <i>Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children</i> [Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service] x100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not applicable. Council has no operational control over MCH services.

Definitions

"Aboriginal child" means a child who is an Aboriginal person

"Aboriginal person" has the same meaning as in the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006

"active library borrower" means a member of a library who has borrowed a book from the library

"annual report" means an annual report prepared by a council under sections 98 of the Act

"class 1 food premises" means food premises, within the meaning of the *Food Act 1984*, that have been declared as class 1 food premises under section 19C of that Act

"class 2 food premises" means food premises, within the meaning of the *Food Act 1984*, that have been declared as class 2 food premises under section 19C of that Act

"critical non-compliance outcome notification" means a notification received by council under section 19N(3) or (4) of the *Food Act 1984*, or advice given to council by an authorized officer under that Act, of a deficiency that poses an immediate serious threat to public health

"local road" means a sealed or unsealed road for which the council is the responsible road authority under the *Road Management Act 2004*

"major non-compliance outcome notification" means a notification received by a council under section 19N(3) or (4) of the *Food Act 1984*, or advice given to council by an authorized officer under that Act, of a deficiency that does not pose an immediate serious threat to public health but may do so if no remedial action is taken

"MCH" means the Maternal and Child Health Service provided by a council to support the health and development of children within the municipality from birth until school age

"population" means the resident population estimated by council

Financial Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2021

Dimension/indicator/measure	Results	Results	Results	Results	Forecasts				Material Variations
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	
Operating position Adjusted underlying result Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) [Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit)/ Adjusted underlying revenue] x100	2.7%	-4.2%	7.92%	-1.98%	-3.23%	-5.09%	-4.22%	-4.83%	Council's result at 30 June 2020 was an underlying surplus due to a number of operational grants being received throughout the 2019/20 financial year, and early payment of the VGC grant. The forecasted decreasing trend is mainly due to the introduction of rates capping.
Liquidity Working capital Current assets compared to current liabilities [Current assets / Current liabilities] x100	431.2%	310.0%	347.7%	248.8%	116.7%	77.9%	52.3%	35.9%	Trade and other payables at 30 June 2020 was significantly lower than 30 June 2019 and is expected to remain steady for the next 4 years.
Unrestricted cash Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities [Unrestricted cash / Current liabilities] x100	393.9%	254.9%	295.4%	164.9%	66.9%	40.5%	14.5%	1.3%	Unrestricted cash remained steady at 30 June 2020, current liabilities were lower than the previous year due to a reduction in trade and other payables. The decreasing trend over the 4 years to 2023 is due to forecasted lower cash position.

Dimension/indicator/measure	Results	Results	Results	Results	Forecasts				Material Variations
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	
Obligations Loans and borrowings <i>Loans and borrowings compared to rates</i> [Interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] x100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Council continues to remain debt free with no loans or borrowings.
Loans and borrowings <i>Loans and borrowings repayments compared to rates</i> [Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] x100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Council continues to remain debt free with no loans or borrowings.
Indebtedness <i>Non-current liabilities compared to own source revenue</i> [Non-current liabilities / Own source revenue] x100	2.3%	2.3%	2.1%	1.2%	1.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	No material variation.
Asset renewal & upgrade <i>Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation</i> [Asset renewal and asset upgrade expenses / Asset depreciation] x100	New in 2020	New in 2020	155.2%	93.1%	183.6%	92.8%	95.4%	95.3%	Expenditure on Asset renewal remains a high priority for Council with increased investment in Asset Renewal during 2019/20.
Asset renewal <i>Asset renewal compared to depreciation</i> [Asset renewal expense / Asset depreciation] x 100	57.0%	62.7%	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Expenditure on Asset renewal remains a high priority for Council.
Stability Rates concentration <i>Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue</i> [Rate revenue / Adjusted underlying revenue] x100	46.9%	37.8%	37.1%	44.9%	47.8%	48.7%	48.2%	48.3%	A significant increase in recurrent grants (mainly the Victorian Grants Commission) has resulted in a reduction in rates concentration.

Dimension/ <i>indicator/measure</i>	Results	Results	Results	Results	Forecasts				Material Variations
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	
Rates effort <i>Rates compared to property values</i> [Rate revenue / Capital improved value of rateable properties in the municipality] x100	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	No material variation.
Efficiency Expenditure level <i>Expenses per property assessment</i> [Total expenses / Number of property assessments]	\$3,362	\$4,670	\$4,253	\$4,015	\$3,881	\$3,896	\$3,974	\$4,075	Expenses per property assessment has decreased due to the finalisation of expenditure on flood recovery.
Revenue level <i>Average rate per property assessment</i> [General rates and Municipal charge / Number of property assessments]	New in 2020	New in 2020	\$1,508	\$1,541	\$1,561	\$1,568	\$1,594	\$1,619	No material variation.
<i>Average residential rate per residential property assessment</i> [Residential rate revenue / Number of residential property assessments]	\$1,154	\$1,169	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	Retired in 2020	

Definitions

"adjusted underlying revenue" means total income other than—

- (a) non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure; and
- (b) non-monetary asset contributions; and
- (c) contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to above

"adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)" means adjusted underlying revenue less total expenditure

"asset renewal expenditure" means expenditure on an existing asset or on replacing an existing asset that returns the service capability of the asset to its original capability

"current assets" has the same meaning as in the AAS

"current liabilities" has the same meaning as in the AAS

"non-current assets" means all assets other than current assets

"non-current liabilities" means all liabilities other than current liabilities

"non-recurrent grant" means a grant obtained on the condition that it be expended in a specified manner and is not expected to be received again during the period covered by a council's Strategic Resource Plan

"own-source revenue" means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants

"population" means the resident population estimated by council

"rate revenue" means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges

"recurrent grant" means a grant other than a non-recurrent grant

"residential rates" means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges levied on residential properties

"restricted cash" means cash and cash equivalents, within the meaning of the AAS, that are not available for use other than for a purpose for which it is restricted, and includes cash to be used to fund capital works expenditure from the previous financial year

"unrestricted cash" means all cash and cash equivalents other than restricted cash.

Other Information

For the year ended 30 June 2021

1. Basis of preparation

Council is required to prepare and include a performance statement within its annual report. The performance statement includes the results of the prescribed sustainable capacity, service performance and financial performance indicators and measures together with a description of the municipal district and an explanation of material variations in the results. This statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* (as per the transitional provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*).

Where applicable the results in the performance statement have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with those reported in the Financial Statements. The other results are based on information drawn from Council information systems or from third parties (e.g. Australian Bureau of Statistics).

The performance statement presents the actual results for the current year and for the prescribed financial performance indicators and measures, the results forecast by Council's strategic resource plan. The *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* requires explanation of any material variations in the results contained in the performance statement. Council has adopted materiality thresholds relevant to each indicator and measure and explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality thresholds unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

The forecast figures included in the performance statement are those adopted by Council in its annual budget on 23 June 2021. The estimates are based on key assumptions about the future that were relevant at the time of adoption and aimed at achieving sustainability over the long term. Detailed information on the actual financial results is contained in the General Purpose Financial Statements. The annual budget can be obtained by contacting Council at its municipal offices at 92 Nelson Street Nhill, online at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au by email to info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or phone 03 5391 4444.

Certification of the performance statement

In my opinion, the accompanying performance statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Ms Monica Revell

Director Corporate & Community Services

Dated: 22 September 2021

In our opinion, the accompanying performance statement of the Hindmarsh Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2020 presents fairly the results of council's performance in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

The performance statement contains the relevant performance indicators, measures and results in relation to service performance, financial performance and sustainable capacity.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render any particulars in the performance statement to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the council and by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 to certify this performance statement in its final form.

Mr Ron Ismay

Councillor

Dated: 22 September 2021

Ms Melanie Albrecht

Councillor

Dated: 22 September 2021

Mr Greg Wood

Chief Executive Officer

Dated: 22 September 2021

Yurunga Committee of Management

General Meeting, Thursday, July 15, 2021, at the Solly residence, 5 Taverner Street, Rainbow, 7.30pm

Minutes

Welcome and Opening at 7:35 pm

Members present: Jenny Solly – Chair, Peter Solly – Secretary, Sam Smith – Treasurer, Col Drendel,

Visitors: Cr Brett Ireland – Hindmarsh Shire

Apologies: Jeff Woodward – Hindmarsh Shire, Helen Fisher, Lou Ravenhorst.

Moved: Sam Smith, Col Drendel - That the apologies be accepted – c/d

Additional items for General Business (to be accepted at Chairperson's discretion)

- Toilet sign
- Mural – QR code audio? What is involved? Getting it started?
- Auditing our books.
- EFTPOS
- Lock box for key and purse at Yurunga.

Declaration by a Councillor, Officer or Committee Member of any direct or indirect interest in any item on the agenda

Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated:

Moved: Col Drendel, Sam Smith - That the minutes of the April 22nd meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record c/d

Business Arising:

- Congratulations to Lou and Robyn, who have sold their motel. At this stage, volunteers will be able to collect the key for Sunday duty from their cottage (starting from July 18)
- A huge thank you to Robyn and Lou for their generosity in making their motel commercial kitchen available for our catering and providing much appreciated support with food preparation and delivery
- Two tour bookings with catering have been rescheduled to Saturday, July 24 and Thursday, August 12
- We have been invited to promote Yurunga at a street party in Dimboola on Saturday, September 4, 2021

- Sunday, June 20: We reopened Yurunga after Covid restrictions eased
- Dianne Bett, daughter of Max and Lorraine Dunn, has donated Dunn family silver and a small table to Yurunga
- June 29: Helen Thomson, Manager Governance and Human Services with Hindmarsh Shire Council, has advised us of the requirements (since 2020) of **Community Asset Management Committee Annual Reporting**.
- We are required to complete paperwork by **August 31, 2021**, including a **volunteer registration form and police check** for all committee and volunteers. Registration forms to be done annually
- July 6: Brian Matotek, the Ouyen pruner, pruned the orchard. \$300 for 16 trees. A big thank you to Col Drendel and Peter Solly for collecting the prunings, disposing of them and tidying the orchard
- July 7: Mal Drendel pruned the roses and removed an old rose with large suckers. \$90 for three and a half hours of work
- Belinda has finished drawing the mural design and has started painting. There is an issue with the paint drying due to the cold conditions

Correspondence In (Emails)

- June 28 x2: Helen Thomson, Manager Governance and Human Services, Hindmarsh Shire Council, re Community Asset Management Committee annual reporting
- June 30: Helen Thomson re volunteer registration forms to be done annually. No requirement at this stage to re-do police checks
- July 8: Shauna Johnson, Executive Assistant re thanks for April meeting Minutes

Correspondence Out (Emails)

- June 30: Peter to Helen Thomson re queries about the requirements of Asset Management Committee reporting to Council
- July 8: Jenny to Council re copy of April meeting Minutes

Late email in

- Jeff Woodward – apology and report for meeting.

Moved: Sam Smith, Col Drendel, – That the incoming correspondence be received and the outgoing endorsed. c/d

Reports

~Financial – Sam Smith

Opening balance June 1 st	\$12544.97
Income – Produce	\$99.20
Expenses _ Wim Mallee News	\$21.00
Closing balance June 30 th	\$12623.17

Term deposit	\$5040.98
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Moved: Sam Smith, Col Drendel – That the financial report be received as a true and correct record. c/d

~Cr Brett Ireland

Police checks for our volunteers can be an issue. Brett will check for a simpler way to complete these.

Llew Schilling has signed the lease for his silo. It is for 30 yr plus 6 X 10 year options.

It is hoped that the project will proceed with a 12 to 18 months time line.

The Arkona silo will also have artwork done.

Rainbow will apply for a grant to develop the Rainbow Rises race area.

Pontoons for the Rainbow Lake have arrived

The Yurunga mural is progressing well.

Llew's silo may become the local tourist information centre.

~Jeff Woodward - via email:

Nothing really to update from my end ... just gearing up for the funded tourism projects at Llew's Silo and Arkona Silo. Directional signage for the Albacutya Silo site is ordered and on its way. Albacutya Silo Art sign is waiting to be picked up from Horsham planned for the back of the Weather radar sign in Rainbow. Interpretive signage at the Albacutya silo site is being finalised, including one that highlights Rainbow (including Yurunga of course).

Moved: Col Drendel, Sam Smith – That the Hindmarsh Shire reports be received. c/d

General Business

- Enduro catering Friday night, August 27, 2021 Another group is doing soup. We have been offered hot roast meat rolls & gravy. We decided not to accept this as it is too risky and difficult.
- Dimboola street party Saturday, September 4, 2021 Do we participate, perhaps share table with Oasis Innovation Centre or Jeparit Museum? Any other ideas? Shire will back this financially with funds available for events. Preserves and brochures and history books could be available – Possibly a Rainbow/Jeparit information table?
- Catering bookings Food helpers and tour guides? Help will be needed if these are able to go ahead.
- Local Government requirements for reporting, police checks and annual registration forms Reports and paperwork for all volunteers to be sent to Council by August 31, 2021 – Cr Brett will investigate easier ways of doing this!
- Toilet sign – can purchase online approx. \$130 – AS1428.1:2009. 220X180 mm Garry Salt will be approached again.
- Mural – QR code audio? What is involved? Getting it started? We need to talk to Jeff and Belinda

- Auditing our books. Sam will look for appropriate auditors. Needs to be done early September.
- EFTPOS We occasionally have cashless customers. We will look at all costs and options. Sam will develop a proposal.
- Lock box for key and purse at Yurunga. Check with Robyn and Lou and re check when we have a quorum.

Bookings

Saturday, July 24, 2021, Renault car club, Melbourne, 24 ppl for lunch & tour, arrival 1pm

Contact:

Thursday, August 12, 2021, Warracknabeal Men's Probus for tour & lunch, 9.30am cuppa & biscuit, 11am tour, 12pm lunch

Contact:

Monday, October 25, 2021, Trade Travel, 20 ppl for lunch & tour, 12pm arrival

Contact:

Mobile:

Saturday, June 4, 2022, Roll family reunion, tour

New booking to be confirmed: first or second week of October. Warrnambool Historic Vehicles Club ('70's cars) 20 people lunch and tour,

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 26, 2021

If you have an idea or would like some action taken, please notify the Secretary or Chairperson so that it can go on the agenda for discussion at the meeting. If something comes up after the agenda goes out (usually a week before the meeting), it can be listed in additional items on the night.

Meeting Close at 9:20 pm

YURUNGA HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Introduction

Insert description of the facility and or/ reserve and information on the management of the facility / reserve.

Yurunga is a heritage listed property in Rainbow. The Committee manages the day-to-day running of the property, including:

- opening the homestead to the public on Sundays 2-4pm, or by appointment
- co-ordinating a roster of volunteers for tour guiding duties
- cleaning the homestead and toilet
- minor maintenance
- maintaining and developing the garden and grounds, including the heritage orchard
- fundraising for repairs and improvements (eg. catering bookings, sale of orchard produce and merchandise, special events)
- advising Council of urgent repairs and maintenance needed; assisting with grant applications
- caring for, preserving and organizing exhibits

Achievements

Insert information about the achievements that the Committee of Management has met for the last financial year, hiring's, asset improvements, volunteer work etc. Achievements for the user groups of the facility / reserve in relation to the facility / reserve.

- Managing the property as outlined above, within the constraints of COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns
- Continuing to promote Yurunga as a tourist attraction by joining the new Hindmarsh Tourism Group, placing a Council authorised advertisement in three regional newspapers and posting on our Facebook page
- Removing a large, raised garden bed and installing the original Yurunga lamp post, October, 2020. It was donated back to Yurunga after an absence of 60 years!
- Resurfacing all paths and the area around the lamp post with crushed limestone, with assistance from the Lions Club, February, 2021
- Receiving a \$4,000 Quick Response grant from Regional Arts Victoria (March, 2021) for a large mural, which is being painted onto metal by local artist Belinda Eckermann

Future Vision

Describe what the Committee believes the future vision should be for the facility/ reserve (short term and long term)

We look forward to:

- Acquiring a permit for our shipping container (used for storage) and the installation of concrete footings.
- Producing a quality card promoting Yurunga, to be placed in tourist information venues
- The presentation and ongoing implementation of the Conservation Management Plan for Yurunga, which is being prepared by heritage consultants at Minerva Heritage
- Progress of the restoration work about to be undertaken on the homestead, following the official announcement on 9th September, 2021 of the Yurunga Heritage Victoria, Living Heritage Grant
- The future restoration of the Coach House, which has been our dream for several years

Financial Report Summary

Insert a summary of the annual financial report, bank reconciliation and the bank statement.

Bank Balance July 1, 2020	\$12,171.70
Term deposit 3 rd June 2020	\$ 5,016.65
Total Funds	\$17,188.35

Income	\$ 3,885.70
Expenditure	\$ 4,423.13

Bank Balance August 31, 2021	\$11,634.27
Term Deposit June 30, 2021	\$ 5,040.92
Total uncommitted funds	\$16,675.19

Conclusion

A brief summary of the facility / reserve / Committee of Managements position after the last financial year.

We have had limited opportunities for group catering bookings because of COVID-19, and this has had a significant impact on our income this year. Some groups have rebooked two or three times. We are generally in a sound position, and we look forward to building on that when COVID-19 allows it.

We are heartened by the progress being made on the property itself, which we hope will help to preserve this important part of our local history into the future.

Jennifer Solly, Chairperson

**ANNUAL / QUARTERLY
FINANCIAL REPORT
Yurunga Homestead Committee of Management
COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE**

ICE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/7/2020 TO 31/08 /2021

Balance Brought forward from previous year	Bank Balance July 1st 2020	\$12,171.70
	Term Deposit at 3rd June 2020	\$5,016.65
	Total Funds	\$17,188.35

Income Received this financial year			
Date	From	Description	Amount
24-Aug-2020	D Funcke	Donation for roses removed	\$200.00
26-Jan-2017	Craft Shop		\$128.80
26-Jan-2017	Door Donations	Merchandise	\$460.00
1-Mar-2017	Craft Shop		\$19.20
1-Mar-2017	Door Donations		\$57.20
22-Mar-2017	Trade Travel	14 ppl @ \$22.50	\$315.00
15-Apr-2017	Door Merchandise	Produce	\$279.00
18-Apr-2017	Donations Merchandise	Produce	\$43.00
19-Apr-2017	Trade Travel	19 ppl @ \$22.50	\$427.50
21-Apr-2017	Door Produce Merch	Donations	\$30.00
22-Apr-2017	Door Donation Merch	Produce Balance	\$447.50
22-Apr-2017	Donation		\$10.00
4-May-2017	MG Car Club	53 ppl @ \$15	\$795.00
16-May-2017	Spirit Tour Travel	19 ppl @ \$5	\$95.00
22-May-2017	Door Merch Donations		\$184.30
23-May-2017	Door Donations		\$40.00
19-Jun-2017	Craft Shop		\$99.20
7-Jul-2017	Door Donations		\$25.00
22-Jul-2017	Door Donations		\$120.00
26-Jul-2017	Door		\$10.00
29-Aug-2017	Door Donation Merchandise		\$100.00
Total Received YTD			\$3,885.70

Payments Made this financial year			
Date	To	Description	Amount
14-Jul-2020	J Solly	reimbursement for CASH for Orchard pruner	\$325.00
29-Jul-2020	Origin Energy	Power	\$165.76
29-Jul-2020	H Fisher	reimbursement for Treloar Roses	\$52.40
3-Aug-2020	J Solly	reimbursement for Avalon Nursery	\$93.00
14-Aug-2020	Mal Drendel	Pruning Roses	\$25.00
14-Aug-2020	J Solly	reimb. EFT replacement of cheque Robinson Plumbing installation ventilator in toilet	\$165.00
12-Oct-2016	Rainbow	argus Advertising	\$54.00
12-Oct-2016	TM Ismay	Lamp post restoration	\$889.00
4-Nov-2016	Origin Energy	Power	\$153.19
15-Nov-2016	J Solly	reimb covid supplies	\$84.50
15-Nov-2016	TM Ismay	Lamp post glass and spraying supplies	\$29.76
3-Dec-2016	IGA	Rainbow	\$31.98
3-Dec-2016	Martin Keller	- Laundry	\$22.00
28-Jan-2017	Origin Energy	Power	\$164.33
1-Feb-2017	Peter Solly	Reimb feather flags	\$318.39
1-Mar-2017	Rainbow Learning Group	- Brochures	\$24.75
9-Mar-2017	TM Ismay	Garden supplies potting mix	\$48.50
12-Apr-2017	Bow Bakery		\$16.80
12-Apr-2017	Peter Solly	Reimb alarm battery	\$34.95
22-Apr-2017	Jenny Solly	- Curtain fabric	\$228.45
27-Apr-2017	Origin Energy	Power	\$159.68
29-Apr-2017	Wim Mall News	Death Notice Frank Orriss	\$21.00
12-May-2017	Helen Heinrich	Reimb Table	\$30.00
12-May-2017	IGA	Rainbow	\$10.49
16-May-2017	Bow Bakery	Actually chq 579	\$21.30
22-May-2017	Rainbow Learning Group	- Brochures	\$24.75
20-Jun-2017	HJ Davidson	Lamp installation Floodlight repair	\$377.19
5-Jul-2017	Brian Matotek	- Orchard pruning reimb P Solly CASH	\$300.00
6-Jul-2017	Mal Drendel	Rose Pruning	\$90.00
26-Jul-2017	Rural Press Pty Ltd	Advertising	\$300.00
26-Jul-2017	Origin Energy	Power	\$161.96
Total Spent YTD			\$4,423.13

Total Funds Unspent to date **\$11,634.27**

Commitments for expenditure			
Date	To	Description	Amount
Total Commitments			0

Total uncommitted amount available to Committee	Bank Balance at 31st August 2021	\$11,634.27
	Term Teposit at 30 at June 2021	\$5,040.92
	Total Funds	\$16,675.19

Volunteer hours	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Total
Total volunteer hours					785

Treasurer

I Certify that the details provided in the financial report are true and correct.

Name: Peter Solly Secretary - Yurunga Homestead Committee of Management

Signed: Peter Solly Date: 9/9/21

Contact: 0428 951233 sols1@inet.net.au

Yurunga Homestead Committee of Management
Annual General Meeting
Financial Report 1/9/2020 to 31/8/2021

INCOME

Door takings	\$1,849.00
Catering	\$1,107.50
Merchandise	\$84.50
Donations	\$283.50
Orchard and Garden	\$353.20
Miscellaneous	\$8.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$3,685.70**

EXPENDITURE

Catering	\$48.59
Maintenance and Contents	\$1,613.33
Power	\$639.16
Merchandise and Advertising	\$721.89
Orchard and Garden	\$438.50
Miscellaneous	\$135.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **\$3,596.97**

Bank Balance at 1st Sept 2020 **\$11,545.54**

Plus Income	\$3,685.70
Less Expenditure	\$3,596.97

Bank Balance at 31st Aug 2021 **\$11,634.27**

Term Deposit at 14 Jul 2020	\$5,028.53
Term Deposit at 30 Jun 2021	\$5,040.92



**MINUTES OF THE DIMBOOLA TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER 2021, ONLINE, COMMENCING AT 7.02 PM.**

AGENDA

- 1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes**
- 4. Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda**
- 5. Finance report**
- 6. Decisions to be made**
- 7. Correspondence**
- 8. General business as notified to the Chair**
- 9. Urgent business**
- 10. Meeting Closed**
- 11. Council Officer Authorisation**

Present:

Kaylene Pietsch KP (Committee Member), Amanda Ingeme AI (Committee Member), Phil Colquhoun PC (Committee Member), Jo Donnelly JD (Committee Member), Chan Ouy CO (Committee Member), Angela Hoy AH (Council Officer), Lou Catania LC (Member), Wendy Bywaters WB (Councillor in Attendance), Deb Nelson (Committee Member), Sharyn Cook (Member)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.02pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community.

2. APOLOGIES

Bill Eldridge (Committee Member), Rick Charlesworth (Member), Tony Schnieder TS (Committee Member)

MOVED: JD; 2nd: PC

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the DTC Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd August, 2021 Online Meeting as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED COMMITTEE MEMBERS: PC 2nd: CO

That the Minutes of the DTC Committee Meeting held on 2nd August, 2021 at the Dimboola Community Centre as circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed.

Attachment: 1

4. DISCLOSURE BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR COUNCILLORS OR COUNCIL OFFICERS OF ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- General conflict of interest; or
- Material conflict of interest.

Declaration of general or material conflict of interest must also be advised by Committee Members at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Financial Report was supplied by the Shire, forwarded to all in attendance.

It was noted that the Financial Report had not changed since the previous month.

WB asked whether TS query from previous meeting had been addressed re the Dimboola Swimming Pool Fund.

KP stated she has been discussing this with Monica Revel & that there is approx \$3,000 left in the funds. KP also spoke to Mick Polycarpou who has been managing the Dimboola Swimming Pool for the last few years & KP has a breakdown and receipts from Mick that have been forwarded to Monica.

MOVED COMMITTEE MEMBERS: AI 2nd: KP

6. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

No decisions for recommendation to Council for endorsement.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Introduction:

The following correspondence is tabled for noting by the Committee,

Inwards:

- Various correspondence between the Hindmarsh Shire & the DTC re the 4th September Steampunk Event.

Outwards:

Grant request FRRR for Steampunk Event

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: JD. 2nd: KP

That the Committee notes the attached correspondence.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Update on signage – Lou Catania

Replacement Dimboola Entrance signs are completed. The one on Horsham Road has been installed. The one for Nhill Road (to go up near the Nursery) is still to have permission from Vic Roads to be installed. TS submitted some photo's of where the sign had been installed prior to roadworks being done. (AH acknowledged that the old sign is not at the Shire yard.) JD to forward the photo's to AH, and Angela has agreed that the Shire can follow this up on the DTC behalf with Vic Roads.

LC has also completed an upgrade of the "Welcome to Dimboola" sign in "Apex Park" on High Street, and stated that he will be working on the other "Welcome to Dimboola" sign on Nhill Road over the next month.

Lou also updated the faded signage just over the train tracks on the left hand side on High Street with event signage depicting the upcoming Steampunk Event on the top section, and an advertisement for the Nolan Gallery & it's location on the bottom section. Everyone agreed that Lou has done a fantastic job of all his work around town, & we are very impressed & appreciative of all his great work.

JD advised all in attendance that there had been an official report / complaint to the Hindmarsh Shire re the event signage near the railway tracks, & it's reference to the Nolan Gallery in close proximity to the "Steampunk Event" signage, and the inference that the "Nolan Family Trust" may be upset about it? We discussed whether this needed to be actioned, but we were all in agreeance that it doesn't seem to be offensive in any way, so should stay as it is for the current time.

AH advised that the only issue that she could foresee would be that signage near roads should not draw attention to drivers away from the road.

KP mentioned that she will follow up with Jeff Woodward re the correct protocol for signage upgrades.

8.2 Correct Procedure for update of VicRoads signs.

KP to follow up with Jeff Woodward re the correct procedures & get back to us all.

8.3 Update on Storage for DTC

No further update. KP followed up with Graincorp, but they have not responded as yet.

8.4 Update on Grainflow BBQ

PC has delivered the BBQ Trailer up to Ron Ismay up at Rainbow. He is still quite busy, but there is no hurry as due to COVID Restrictions there are no demands to use the BBQ in the near future.

KP asked if the Gas Cylinders were full after the Caravan Park used the trailer over their busy period & PC confirmed they had been filled on return to us.

8.5 \$'s from the Shire to replace plants around town

As per minutes from last month, JD still to submit a letter to the Hindmarsh Shire requesting \$1,000 be allocated to the DTC to beautify High Street section up to the Roundabout from Victoria Street. Plants would be low growing and Natives.

JD reminded everyone that we need to be mindful that any plants that the DTC plant (& not the Shire) would need to be watered & looked after by the DTC; and that maybe a better solution might be to advise the Shire of areas that need attention. The \$'s in this allocation would then be purely to replace any plants that the Shire had planted, that had died & needed to be replaced.

8.6 Working Bee's

It was agreed that we will need to look at organizing a working bee soon, as per last month's minutes, jobs that need to be done are: Approx 10 seats need to be installed, prior to the Ag Show if it is still going ahead) as they will need to be moved out of the AMP Building shed before then. Priority is the seat / plaque for Ivan Pipcorn (between the Fishing Pontoon & the next seat closest to the Rowing Club). Also planting of replacement trees on the walking track near the Ticket box at Rec Reserve, and installation of other seats, including a Table/chair combo located at JD's. Also the Quarry dust / Scoria that has been delivered now to a site in the Common needs to be spread out around the Shelter up near the Weir (town side of the river).

Due to lockdowns, etc, we haven't been able to organize these, but will look at organizing in the near future.

There was a query re the 2 mounds of gravel that have been delivered over the last 4 months or so near the Rec Reserve walking tracks closer to Park Street / Lloyd Street corner. It was discussed that this was for a project re an acknowledgement area of the "Old Pony Club" area. This has been put on hold due to COVID restrictions & was being driven (& funded) by TS.

It was also discussed about a Shade structure that needs to be installed down near the Bridge (near the walking track) & the boating / swimming pontoon which proves to be very popular in Summer & lacks any shaded area.

JD mentioned the possible use of the old “Pergola / Shelter” that used to be behind the library that is now up at the Council yard, & belongs to the town (Purchased / donated by Rotary many years ago). It was agreed that this might not be the best option for that area, & a that a better option may be something like what has been installed at the Dimboola Caravan Park – but that it would need to be water-proof. JD mentioned that there is a Grant on offer at the moment specifically for Shade (Community Shade Grants Program) offered by “HealthVic” with various Grant options (\$700 to up to \$50,000) with various criteria. Grants close on 10th September, so shade options would need to be directed to JD asap. (Due to such short notice, we may need to get our info together for the next round)

8.7 Update on Old Pub Site Development

JD advised that the local community is very excited & had lots of positive feedback re the installation of the “Tower” & the decking over the old Cellar. The Pergola structures should be up over the next week, & that after that the Dimboola Arts Inc will be prioritizing the next aspects of the project. They may be looking at getting extra funding to complete other aspects of the project. After the Pergola supports are all up, the next stage will be the back fence & then the Paving. The plants & garden/grass areas will be the last aspect of the project.

8.8 Update on the Steampunk Event that was scheduled for 4th Sept 2021 for the launch of the “Wimmera” book, & official opening of the Old Pub site corner block development.

CO explained to DTC that due to the current COVID restrictions, they have had to “Postpone” the event until COVID restrictions allow us to have a larger crowd. There has been a very positive interest from all around the Wimmera & outside the Wimmera right down to the Melbourne area, & thus it is foreseen that the event will attract crowds well exceeding 1,000 – so, we will have to wait until restrictions allow this. No new date has been organized as yet, until a decision by the government re events. CO explained that everyone involved with the event have been advised of the postponement, & they are all happy to wait & start again once we have a date. All still very positive.

8.9 Nutrien Ag Grant submission \$5,000 by Pru Cook (for Steampunk Event)

Pru Cook (in conjunction with discussions with KP, CO & Monica Revell from Hindmarsh Shire) submitted a Grant request for \$5,000 to go towards the Dimboola Steampunk Event. DTC are very appreciative to Pru for her commitment and support of this Community event.

8.10 New Residents Event update

Hopefully we might be able to hold this event before the end of the year. KP advised that the soup that was organized / supplied by the Wimmera Bakery for the New Residents event that had to be cancelled earlier in Winter, would not have lasted (frozen) until the new date of the event, so KP paid Wimmera Bakery for it instead.

8.11 Caravan Parking in main street – taking up multiple parking bays

JD mentioned to the meeting that there seems to be an issue in the town with regard to Caravan parking. There seems to be no direction as to where they should be parking, & hence, they have been seen to park in the main street along approx 3 or 4 diagonal parking bays. It was discussed that maybe we need to have “Allocated parking areas” for Caravans – close to the main amenities / IGA.

AH mentioned that the Shire could look at actioning this – but we (the DTC) would be best to look at viable options of parking areas & submit these to the Shire.

8.12 Extra “Parking Stops” in all the parking bays on Lloyd Street that face into a Verandah Post

JD mentioned that the Diagonal “Parking Stops” that have been installed in front of the Tables & Chairs that the Shire installed on Lloyd Street are a great idea, & asked if they could be considered to be installed in front of other parking bays that face onto a shop Verandah Post.

AH mentioned that this could be quite a costly proposal, & that maybe the Shop owners could contribute? AH to confirm the cost of installing one of these to a Shop Owner, so that this option could be offered to them.

8.13 PC mentioned that the Solar Lights are still not working

JD has contacted Gary Salt from Hindmarsh Shire about this & he is following up with Simon Mibus

8.14 Xmas Decorations

JD advised that Mary Clark offered earlier in the year that she would be interested in decorating the town for Xmas. After recent communication with Mary, she is still interested in this project – everyone was in favour of her taking on this project on behalf of the DTC – with volunteer support. JD to let MC know.

8.15 New Pony / Horse yards at the Rec Reserve

There was a query from the floor re the additional yards that have / are being installed at the Dimboola Rec Reserve. It was confirmed that these have been agreed to by the A&P society (Down closer to the Pine trees)

8.16 New Electric Vehicle Charging Station installed

AH advised that there has been a new free double Electric Vehicle charging station installed near the parking bays behind the Dimboola Library. It is the first in Victoria, & is in Dimboola! The company is called “Linga” and their priority is to service regional areas & developing a tourism network, and is a First Nations partnership project.

8.17 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be on the Month 4th October

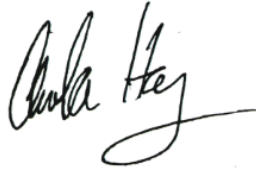
9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.33pm.

11. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION



I _____ accept the recommendations made by the Dimboola Town Committee in these minutes dated 6th September 2021.

YANAC PUBLIC HALL AND RECREATION RESERVE COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

Management of the facilities which includes hiring, maintenance, cleaning and insurance issues. We also organise community activities and events. Funds raised from those events are used to keep the facilities modern and safe for all community users.

Achievements

Last year due to COVID, activities and event hiring was very low but we were able to hold the annual Yanac Yard Dog Trials. The Yanac Hockey Club commenced their season and have been using the facilities again until this current COVID lockdown.

Future Vision

The committee has been a stable group of hard working volunteers for many years. We wouldn't have the facility we have without the enormous hours of work, that the past and present group of volunteers have put in. Fortunately we have a diverse age group, which is great for future succession planning. With continued support from the Hindmarsh Shire, the facility should continue to be a pleasant and safe meeting place for the Yanac community, long into the future. A great asset for the town.

However if the Hindmarsh Shire keep introducing more reporting and more paperwork, we will struggle to keep our volunteers. Volunteers want to spend their time helping in the community, not be involved with rules and regulations. We fully understand that good governance of any facility or committee is important but it must happen as a partnership between the "paid staff" of the Shire and the volunteers. The expectations/workload/burden just cant keep increasing.

Financial Report Summary

30th June 2021

Petty Cash \$9.60
Cheque Acc \$4719.62
Term Deposit \$35861.24

Conclusion

After a year of COVID lockdown, it was pleasing to be able to fit in and hold the Yanac Yard Dog Trials, our major fundraiser and community get together. We are in a strong financial position and that will hold us in good stead, whilst hall bookings are down due to COVID. We look forward to the year ahead.

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Cash Basis

**Yanac Public Hall
Profit & Loss
July 2020 through June 2021**

	<u>Jul '20 - Jun 21</u>
Income	
Hire of Facilities	20.00
Solar Credits	460.60
Term Dep Interest	455.44
Yard Dog Trials	1,500.00
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Total Income	2,436.04
Expense	
Repairs & Maintenance	30.00
Supplies	
Cleaning etc	32.90
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Total Supplies	32.90
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Total Expense	62.90
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Net Income	<u>2,373.14</u>

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Cash Basis

**Yanac Public Hall
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2021**

	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cheque	4,719.62
NAB Term Deposit	35,861.24
Petty Cash	9.60
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Total Chequing/Savings	40,590.46
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Total Current Assets	40,590.46
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>40,590.46</u>
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LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>
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NET ASSETS	<u>40,590.46</u>
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EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	32,912.38
Retained Earnings	5,304.94
Net Income	2,373.14
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TOTAL EQUITY	<u>40,590.46</u>

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Accrual Basis

Yanac Public Hall
Account QuickReport
 As of June 30, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Description	Split	Amount	Balance
Cheque							2,771.63
Deposit	2/10/2020			Deposit	Solar Credits	43.16	2,814.79
Deposit	20/10/2020			Deposit	Solar Credits	395.44	3,210.23
Deposit	21/10/2020			Deposit	Solar Credits	22.00	3,232.23
Deposit	25/03/2021			Deposit	Term Dep Inter...	0.29	3,232.52
Cheque	7/04/2021	424	Horsham Vet Hospital		Cleaning etc	-32.90	3,199.62
Deposit	8/04/2021		Yanac Yard Dog Trials	Deposit	Yard Dog Trials	1,500.00	4,699.62
Payment	8/04/2021		Yanac CFA		Trade receivab...	10.00	4,709.62
Payment	21/04/2021		Yanac Hockey Club I...		Trade receivab...	10.00	4,719.62
Total Cheque						1,947.99	4,719.62
TOTAL						1,947.99	4,719.62

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Accrual Basis

Yanac Public Hall
Account QuickReport
 As of June 30, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Description	Split	Amount	Balance
Petty Cash							39.60
Cheque	27/02/2021	3	J Smith		Repairs & Main...	-30.00	9.60
Total Petty Cash						-30.00	9.60
TOTAL						-30.00	9.60